

# CROW'S NEST



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## TWO INTERESTING RATING BADGES

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NAVY

BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2nd CLASS



FOR ANOTHER FOREIGN PETTY OFFICER  
RATING SEE PAGE 15

### WHAT IN THE WORLD DO WE HAVE HERE

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER FROM NHNSG



SUBMITTED BY  
BOB ARMSTRONG

COULD THIS BE NEW HAMPSHIRE NAVAL SECURITY  
OR STATE GUARD? ANY IDEAS?

NOTE THE PRE 1941 EAGLE, AND MOST UNUSUAL  
CPO ARC; NOT THE CURVED STYLE OF U.S.  
NAVY RATINGS



TURRET CAPTAIN CHIEF  
RARE RED CHEVRONS ON USMC  
FOREST GREEN BACKGROUND



D.F. SULLIVAN



COR DECK OFFICER USMS  
SEWN ON CORPS INSIGNIA

W.J. MURPHY



Edward Preble  
American Naval Officer  
1761-1807



NEW JERSEY NAVAL MILITIA  
LT. RANK SAMPSON UNIFORM COAT  
RIGHT SIDE COLLAR INSIGNIA

SUBMITTED BY  
STEPHEN DECATUR RHODE





THE FOLLOWING TWO PAGES  
SUBMITTED BY  
BARRY L. COMMONS



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SIZE REDUCED  
24%







UPPER LEFT & LOWER RIGHT  
REDUCED 50%  
OTHER TWO FULL SIZE



NOTE  
CENTER OF PATCH  
HAS THE NORTHERN  
AND SOUTHERN  
HEMISPHERES



NOTE  
INSIDE RIM HAS  
SWIMMER DELIVERY VEHICLE  
OPERATOR TRAINING





# C.S.S. VIRGINIA - IRONCLAD OF THE CIVIL WAR - FORMERLY U.S.S. MERRIMACK



LIEUT. JOHN TAYLOR WOOD  
OFFICER OF THE MERRIMACK

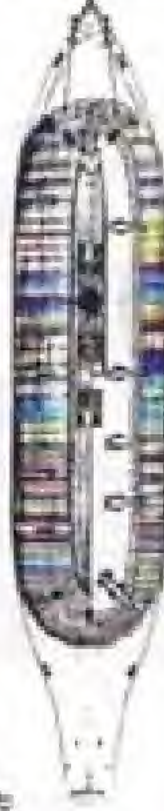


THE CONFEDERATE WAR VIRGINIA VS MERRIMACK DURING THE  
CONTEST AND BATTLE OF HAMPTON ROADS - 8 MARCH 1862

AFTER RANSOM AND RECONSTRUCTION BY THE CONFEDERATES  
MERRIMACK WAS RENAMED C.S.S. VIRGINIA AND  
COMMISSIONED 17 FEB 1862.

FLAG OFFICER FRANKLIN DICHAMUS  
COMMANDER OF THE MERRIMACK ON  
FIRST DAY'S BATTLE WITH FEDERAL WOODEN  
SHIPS - 8 MARCH 1862 - WOUNDED  
AND EVACUATED THAT NIGHT

HER DIMENSIONS WERE NOW 101 X 26 FEET AND 3,200 TONS.  
SHE CARRIED A SINGLE BOW AND STEER GUN,  
AND EIGHT QUADRANT GUNS.



## FIRST DAY'S BATTLE 8 MARCH 1862

SAILING INTO HAMPTON ROADS THREATENED BY U.S.S. MONITOR AND  
REARFOUR, AND WITH PATRICK HENRY, JAMESSTOWN AND TARRANT,  
VIRGINIA PICKED OUT HER FIRST VICTIM - THE FEDERAL BLOOF HER  
CARRIER AND WEST OF NEWPORT NEWS - FURIED ON CONGRESS AS  
SHE PASSED. WITH HEAVY FIRE SHE DAMAGED CONGRESS AND WHICH  
LARGE TAKING 1ST NEW AND VIRGINIA'S RAN WITH HER. VIRGINIA  
NOW ATTACKED CONGRESS - THE FEDERAL SHIP STRUCK HER  
COLORS, AND STILL BURNING, EXPLODED ABOUT MIDNIGHT.  
VIRGINIA'S COMMANDING OFFICER WAS WOUNDED IN THIS ACTION

CONFEDERATES HAD TO DESTROY HER AT THE MOUTH OF THE JAMES 8 FEB 11 MAR 1862

SUBMITTED BY

STEVE MONROE



# SOME BEAUTIFUL HAND EMBROIDERED CAP BADGES



U.S. COAST & GEODETIC SURVEY  
OFFICER'S CAP DEVICE TYPE I  
USED UNTIL LATE 1944



U.S. COAST & GEODETIC SURVEY  
OFFICER'S CAP DEVICE TYPE II  
ADOPTED IN 1944 AND NOW  
USED BY ALL NOAA OFFICERS



U.S.M.S. WARRANT OFFICER

AT THE BEGINNING OF WW2 THE CAP DEVICE FOR USMS OFFICERS & WO HAD THE EAGLE ABOVE THE SHIELD. IT IS BELIEVED THAT IN 1945 THE EAGLE WAS REMOVED TO MAKE A WO CAP DEVICE. LATER THE LETTERS USMS WERE PLACED ABOVE THE WREATH.



U.S. NAVY OFFICER'S TYPE CAP DEVICE  
EAGLE FACING RIGHT IN THE PRE 1941 PATTERN,  
BUT WHY IS THE SHIELD RED-WHITE-BLUE



ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE  
WHEELMAN PETTY OFFICER CAP DEVICE



IN ISSUE NO. 11 PAGE 20 RUDY BASURTO SENT IN SOME NICE NAVY POLICE BADGES.  
HERE ARE TWO MORE, BUT SUBMITTED BY FELLOW COLLECTOR WILLIAM J. MURPHY



Above sketch of Sweden's two new 10,000-ton pocket battleships under construction is based on that shown in Jane's Fighting Ships. With 10 inches of armor running their steel sides, these ships will be much superior to Germany's pocket types. Their four 6-inch guns, grouped in twin turrets, are to be more powerful than their present 11-inch guns. Six 4-inch A.A. are triple-mounted in superlating position.



DO THE LETTERS NCC STAND FOR  
NAVAL CADET CORPS?

GOLD ANCHOR-RED SHIP'S WHEEL AND NCC-WHITE  
EAGLE AND LINE; EAGLE IS HOLDING A YELLOW  
BRANCH IN HIS BEAK; SHIELD DIVIDED UPPER BLUE,  
LOWER WHITE; ALL EMBROIDERED ON NAVY BLUE  
WITH CHEESE CLOTH BACKING ON REVERSE



TEXAS NAVAL MILITIA

OFFICER'S BULLION CAP INSIGNIA  
SHIELD DIVIDED INTO FOUR SEGMENTS  
LOWER BLUE, TOP TWO RED, CENTER  
WHITE WITH RED STAR

SUBMITTED BY  
STEPHEN DECATUR ROMOE



THE FOLLOWING THREE PAGES CONTRIBUTED BY

BARRY COMMONS, 37145 BONLEE AVE,  
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USS ANGLER SS-240  
LAUNCHED: 4 JULY 1943  
SSK: 18 FEB 1963  
AGSS: JUNE 1963  
STRIKE DATE: 15 DEC 1971  
AS AN IXSS - SCRAPPED



FROM THE  
COLLECTION OF  
JACK BOWLES

PATCH 6"



USS SILVERIDES SS-235  
LAUNCHED: 26 AUGUST 1941  
DECOM: 17 APRIL 1946  
USNR TRAINING: 1947-1942  
AGSS: 8 NOV 1962  
STRIKE DATE: 30 JUNE 1969  
MEMORIAL - CHICAGO



USS DRUM SS-228  
LAUNCHED: 12 MAY 1941  
DECOM: 16 FEB 1946  
USNR TRAINING: 1947-1962  
STRIKE DATE: 30 JUNE 1968  
MEMORIAL - MOBILE, ALA

SIZE REDUCED 36%



TECHNICAL DATA BY MARY ANNE RORDE





USS BLUEGILL SS-242  
LAUNCHED: 8 AUGUST 1943  
SSK: 2 MAY 1953  
SUNK AS A SALVAGE HULK  
28 JUNE 1969

ACTUAL SIZES  
A - 4 3/4"  
B - 6"  
C - 5"  
D - 4"  
E - 6"

SIZE REDUCED 96%



USS CAVALLA SS-244  
LAUNCHED: 14 NOV 1943  
SSK: 18 FEB 1953  
SS: 15 AUG 1959  
AGSS: JULY 1963  
STRIKE DATE: 30 DEC 1969  
MEMORIAL-GALVESTON, TX





SIZE REDUCED 36%



USS BASHAW SS-241  
 LAUNCHED 25 JULY 1943  
 SSK: 18 FEB 1953  
 AGSS: SEPT 1962  
 SUNK AS TARGET  
 13 SEPT 1969

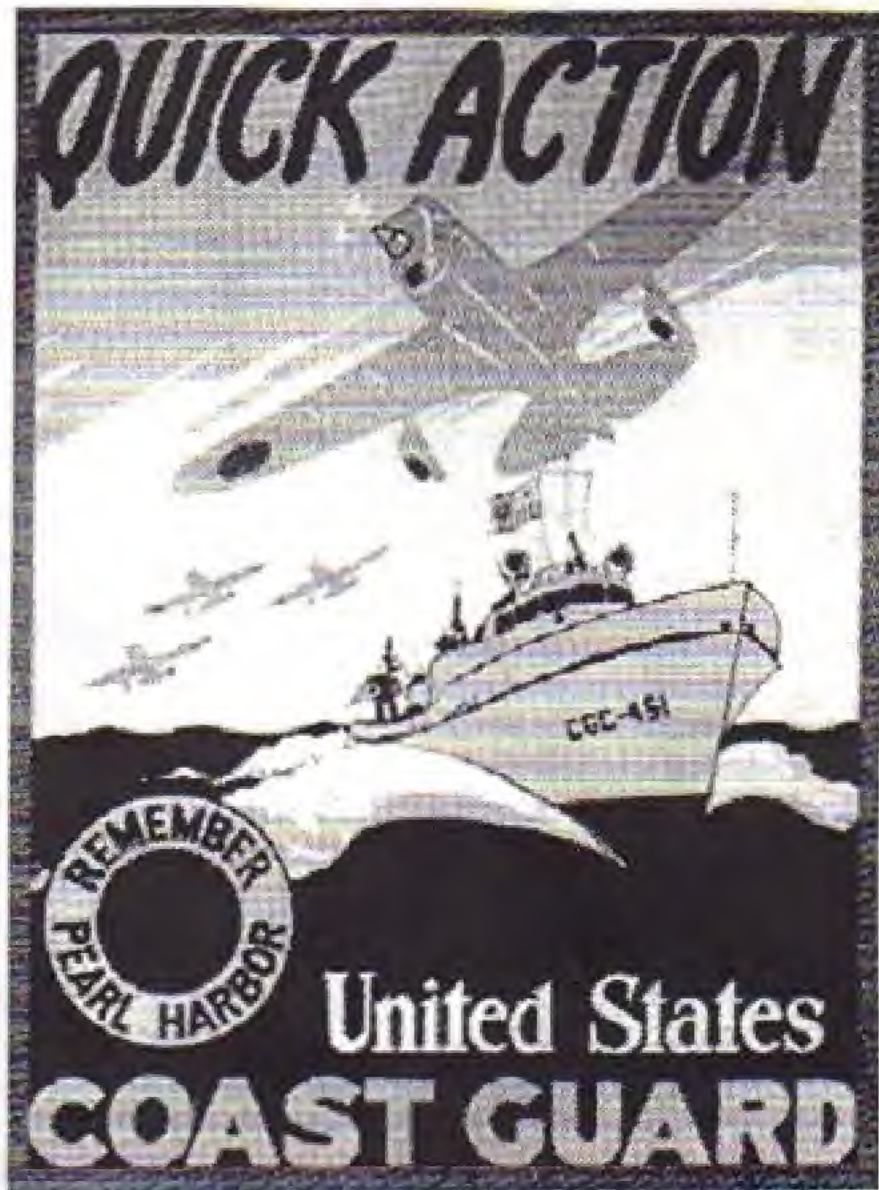


ACTUAL SIZES  
 A - 4 3/4 x 5 1/2"  
 B - 4 1/2 x 6"  
 C - 3 3/4 x 5"  
 D - 3 3/4 x 4"  
 E - 4 1/2 x 5"





# REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR



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PELHAM BAY  
NAVAL TRAINING  
STATION N.Y.

AS PROMISED ON PAGE 31  
OF LAST ISSUE MORE POST  
CARD SHOTS OF PONTS

FROM THE BIG HOME IN  
THIS PHOTO THIS MUST  
HAVE BEEN A LARGE  
ESTATE AT ONE TIME.



SHAM BATTLE WITH AT PELHAM BAY NAVAL TRAINING STATION, N. Y.



JALOUS LEARN HOW TO USE FIELD GUNS AT PELHAM BAY NAVAL TRAINING STATION, N. Y.

DOES ANYONE HAVE  
INFO ON WHAT THIS  
AREA WAS PRE 19177

THANKS TO  
CHUCK SASS



U.S. NAVY CPO ID CARD OF WWII

ALBERT WAS BORN ON 25 JAN 1904. HE  
RECEIVED A COMMISSION AND MADE LT.  
PRIOR TO 1 JULY 1945. HIS OFFICER'S FILE  
NO. WAS 197355 AND HE RETIRED AS A  
LCDR PRIOR TO 1 JAN 1958. HE WOULD BE  
60 YEARS OLD IF ALIVE TODAY.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROWDE





# CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE

12 YEAR GOOD CONDUCT RATING EAGLE AND CAMERA.  
SILVER BULLION CHEVRONS GOLD LACE ON NAVY BLUE  
BEAUTIFULLY MADE RATING SENT IN BY  
WILLIAM J. MURPHY



PETTY OFFICER 3-2-1 CLASS  
SILVER TINSEL THREAD EMBROIDERED ON BLUE TWILL



USMM CADET DECK FIRST CLASS  
SHOULDER MARK

BUT WHY FOUR STRIPES?

SUBMITTED BY  
DAVE COLLAR



BRITISH NAVY  
SILVER METAL  
CAP BADGE  
1 7/8 x 1 3/8"



# UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

## CADET NURSE CORPS OF WORLD WAR II



SILVER - PIN BACK  
WORN ON THE GRAY BERET



NOTE SILVER CAP INSIGNIA AND SHOULDER  
PATCH WORN BY THESE TWO LADIES



USPHS COLLAR INSIGNIA  
AND BUTTONS WERE SILVER

WHITE SHOULDER PATCH  
WORN ON THE WORKING  
UNIFORM



GRAY SHOULDER PATCH  
WORN ON THE DRESS UNIFORM  
VARIATION WITH WHITE RIM

ESTABLISHED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JUNE 1943  
VOLUNTEER WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 AND 35

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RODE



**ROYAL SAUDI NAVY - CHIEF QUARTERMASTER**

GOLD & GREEN NATIONAL SYMBOL ABOVE WHITE  
 ANCHORS ON WHITE - CHEVRONS RED - ALL ON A NAVY  
 BLUE BACKGROUND - U.S. MADE FOR SAUDI ARABIAN NAVY



SUBMITTED BY STEVE RONDRE

**NATIONALIST CHINA**

CAPTAIN LINE OFFICER - GOLD  
 STRIPES - SILVER & BLUE SUN - GOLD  
 BUTTON ON NAVY BLUE SHOULDER MARK



PANAMA DAVE COLLAR SENDS IN THREE VERY INTERESTING VARIETIES OF THE  
 ATS OVERSEAS OFFICER'S CAP DEVICE. THE PIN ON THE LEFT WAS MADE IN  
 AUSTRALIA; CENTER-VANGUARD; RIGHT-GEMSCO. THE ATS OVERSEAS CAP  
 EAGLES ARE HARD ENOUGH TO FIND, LET ALONE THREE DIFFERENT  
 MANUFACTURERS. GOOD SHOW, DAVE!



WORLD WAR II POSTER



**AVIATION ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE OPERATOR 3rd CLASS**

THESE EAGLES OBVIOUSLY DID NOT HAVE THE SAME PARENTS; WINGS VERY DIFFERENT, AND RATING ON THE LEFT HAS INK LINES TO SHOW PERSON STITCHING IN DESIGN WHERE TO SEW



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

**MORE FOREIGN MADE U.S. NAVY P.O. RATINGS**





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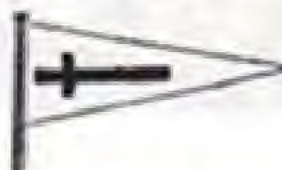
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**4-664. MAGNIFICENT OUTFLY PERNAST.** 12 and 14g. 1  
female with an breeding. Same geographic to same as No. 463.  
This pernast is also smaller than No. 463 and has 1 more in the  
head. (1966)

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3-10. PLACEMENT OF WALL, WINDOW, PLAC. WITH  
background (diagonal red lines) and blue color. Placing  
color panel.



THE CHURCH BENEFIT FROM AFRICAN COUNTRY'S PLANNING. COLUMBIA-ANNOUNCED BY BOAT FOR. HALL. While passing with the low clouds, some have looking, there is the feeling of a warm, bright of the sun. Hard across, back of the bridge, New York City (imposed) is visible of some extent. The fog is lifted with guarantee as we pass.



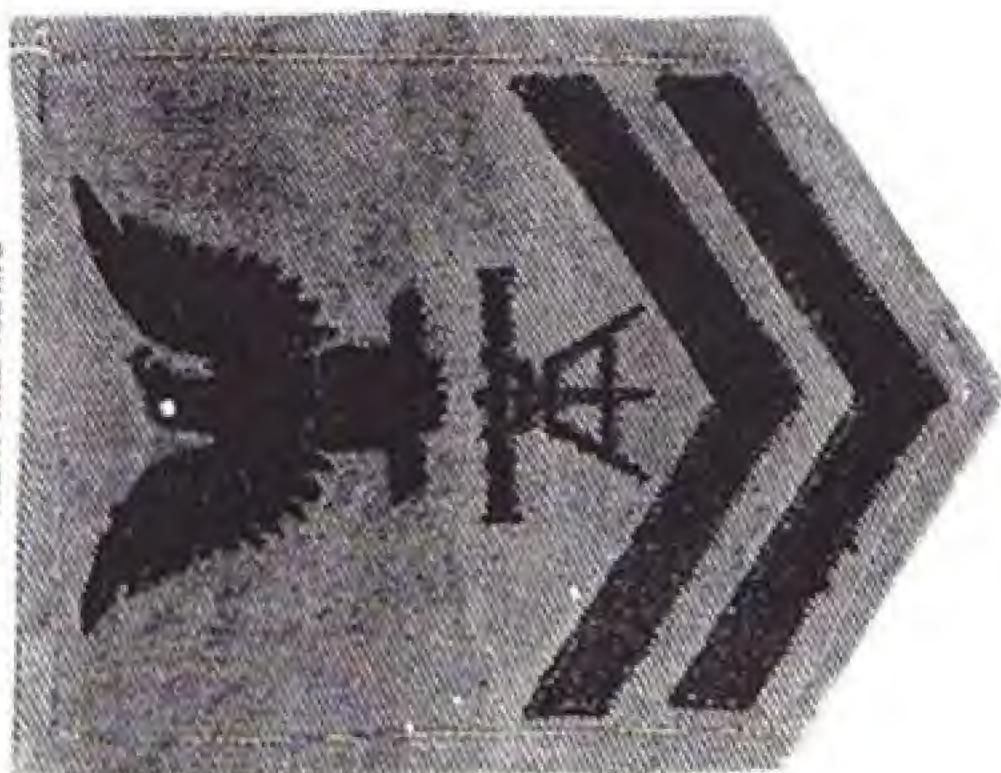
## U.S. NAVY EXPERIMENTAL GRAY ENLISTED RATINGS OF WWII

IN OCTOBER 1943 GRAYS WERE AUTHORIZED FOR ENLISTEDMEN AT SEA; SAME DESIGN AND FABRIC, INCLUDING HAT, AS UNDRESS WHITE JUMPER AND PANTS. HOWEVER, THESE PLANS WERE DEFERRED IN APRIL 1944.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE 1st CLASS  
LEFT ARM RATING



FIRE CONTROLMAN 2nd CLASS  
RIGHT ARM RATING



CONTRIBUTED BY A.J. (JIM) BROWNE, SACS USNR



# LETTER ABBREVIATIONS OF NAVAL SHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

THE OFFICIAL DATE OF ADOPTION IS 17 JULY 1920

Symbols such as BB, CC, DD, SS, and AS for battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarine tenders, respectively, were not authorized by the Navy until 1920. Before that time, the symbols were unofficial abbreviations used for the sake of convenience.

The classifications for Navy ships have continued to change and expand over the years as new ship types or missions were conceived. A comprehensive list of ship classifications which are or have been assigned follows. The list excludes yard craft, landing craft and non-ward propelled barges which are of marginal interest to most naval cover collectors.

## Classification Ship Type

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| AC    | Cable                                  |
| ACM   | Auxiliary Mine Layer                   |
| ACR   | Armored Aircraft Carrier               |
| ACV   | Auxiliary Aircraft Carrier             |
| AD    | Destroyer Tender                       |
| ADG   | Daguerre Ship                          |
| ADGRL | Export Research Ship                   |
| AE    | Ammunition Ship                        |
| AF    | Store Ship                             |
| AFS   | Combat Store Ship                      |
| AG    | Minesweeper Auxiliary                  |
| AGB   | Icebreaker                             |
| AGC   | Amphibious Force Flagship              |
| AGDE  | Export Research Ship                   |
| AGDS  | Deep Submergence Support Ship          |
| AGRH  | Hydrofoil Research Ship                |
| AGFR  | Environmental Research Ship            |
| AGF   | Minesweeper Command Ship               |
| AGFT  | Frigate Research Ship                  |
| AGHS  | Patrol Combatant Support Ship          |
| AGL   | Lighthouse Tender (CG)                 |
| AGM   | Master Radar Instrumentation Ship      |
| AGMR  | Major Communication Relay Ship         |
| AGP   | Motor Torpedo Boat Tender              |
| AGOR  | Oceanographic Research Ship            |
| AGS   | Surveying Ship                         |
| AGSC  | Coastal Survey Ship                    |
| AGSL  | Satellite Launch Ship                  |
| AGSS  | Auxiliary Submarine                    |
| AH    | Hospital Ship                          |
| AK    | Cargo Ship                             |
| AKA   | Attack Cargo Ship                      |
| AKD   | Cargo Ship Dock                        |
| AKL   | Light Cargo Ship                       |
| AKN   | Net Cargo Ship                         |
| AKR   | Vehicle Cargo Ship                     |
| AKS   | General Stores Issue Ship              |
| AKV   | Cargo Ship and Aircraft Ferry          |
| AL    | Lightship                              |
| AM    | Minesweeper                            |
| AMC   | Coastal Minesweeper                    |
| AN    | Net Laying Ship                        |
| AO    | Oiler                                  |
| AOE   | Fast Combat Support Ship               |
| AOG   | Gunboat Tanker                         |
| AOR   | Replenishment Oiler                    |
| AOSS  | Auxiliary Oiler Submarine              |
| AOT   | Transport Oiler                        |
| AP    | Transport                              |
| APA   | Attack Transport                       |
| APB   | Self-propelled Barracks Ship           |
| APC   | Small Coastal Transport                |
| APD   | High Speed Transport                   |
| APH   | Transport (Evacuation of Wounded)      |
| APSS  | Transport Submarine                    |
| AR    | Repair Ship                            |
| ARB   | Battle Damage Repair Ship              |
| ARC   | Cable Repairing or Laying Ship         |
| ARD   | Auxiliary Repair Drydock               |
| ARG   | Internal Combustion Engine Repair Ship |
| ARI   | Repair Ship, Small                     |
| ARS   | Salvage Ship                           |
| ARSD  | Salvage Lifting Ship                   |
| ARST  | Salvage Craft Tender                   |

## Classification Ship Type

|      |  |
|------|--|
| ARV  | Aircraft Repair Ship   |
| ARVA | Aircraft Repair Ship - Aircraft  |
| ARVE | Aircraft Repair Ship - Engine  |
| AS   | Submarine Tender   |
| ASR  | Submarine Rescue Ship  |
| ASSA | Auxiliary Cargo Submarine  |
| ASSP | Auxiliary Transport Submarine  |
| AT   | Tug (ocean going)  |
| ATA  | Auxiliary Ocean Tug  |
| ATF  | Fleet Ocean Tug  |
| ATO  | Ocean Tug, Old   |
| ATS  | Salvage and Rescue Tug   |
| ATU  | Utility Ocean Tug  |
| AV   | Seaplane Tender  |
| AVB  | Advance Aviation Base Ship   |
| AVC  | Catapult Lighter   |
| AVD  | Seaplane Tender, Destroyer   |
| AVG  | Aircraft Carrier Vessel  |
| AVM  | Guided Missile Ship  |
| AVP  | Small Seaplane Tender  |
| AVR  | Aircraft Rescue Vessel   |
| AVS  | Aviation Supply Ship   |
| AVT  | Auxiliary Aircraft Transport or Auxiliary Aircraft Landing Training Ship |

## AW A2

|      |   |
|------|---|
| AW   | Distilling Ship                         |
| A2   | Airship Tender                          |
| BB   | Battleship                              |
| BM   | Mine                                    |
| C    | Protected Cruiser                       |
| CA   | Heavy Cruiser                           |
| CAG  | Guided Missile Heavy Cruiser            |
| CR   | Large Cruiser (1940)                    |
| CC   | Battle Cruiser (1921)                   |
| CQ   | Missile Cruiser                         |
| CGN  | Nuclear Powered Missile Cruiser         |
| CL   | Light Cruiser                           |
| CLAA | Anti Aircraft Light Cruiser             |
| CLC  | Tactical Command Ship                   |
| CLG  | Guided Missile Light Cruiser            |
| CLGN | Nuclear Powered Missile Cruiser         |
| CLK  | Hunter Killer Ship                      |
| CM   | Converted Mine Layer                    |
| CMC  | Coastal Mine Layer                      |
| CS   | Secret Cruiser                          |
| CV   | Aircraft Carrier, multi purpose         |
| CVA  | Attack Aircraft Carrier                 |
| CVAN | Nuclear Powered Attack Aircraft Carrier |
| CVB  | Large Aircraft Carrier                  |
| CVHE | Fleet Helicopter Carrier                |
| CVL  | Small Aircraft Carrier                  |
| CVS  | ASW Aircraft Carrier                    |
| CVT  | Training Aircraft Carrier               |
| CVU  | Utility Aircraft Carrier                |

|      |                                 |
|------|---------------------------------|
| DD   | Destroyer                       |
| DDH  | Light Destroyer                 |
| DDG  | Guided Missile Destroyer        |
| DDR  | Radar Picket Destroyer          |
| DE   | Destroyer Escort                |
| DEG  | Missile Escort                  |
| DER  | Radar Picket Escort             |
| DL   | Frigate                         |
| DLC  | Missile Frigate                 |
| DLCN | Nuclear Powered Missile Frigate |
| DM   | Destroyer Minesweeper           |
| DMS  | Destroyer Minesweeper           |
| DSBV | Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel  |
| DSV  | Deep Submergence Vehicle        |

|     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| FF  | Frigate                           |
| FFG | Missile Frigate                   |
| FFS | Island Fire Support Ship          |
| IX  | Unclassified Miscellaneous Vessel |

|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| LCC | Amphibious Command Ship   |
| LHA | Amphibious Assault Ship   |
| LKA | Amphibious Cargo Ship     |
| LPA | Amphibious Transport Ship |

## Classification Ship Type

|      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| LPD  | Amphibious Transport Dock            |
| LPH  | Amphibious Assault Ship (Helicopter) |
| LSD  | Dock Landing Ship                    |
| LSIL | Infantry Landing Ship, Large         |
| LSM  | Medium Landing Ship                  |
| LSMR | Medium Landing Ship, Rocket          |
| LSSL | Support Landing Ship, Large          |
| LST  | Tank Landing Ship                    |
| LSV  | Vehicle Landing Ship                 |

|     |                                    |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| MCS | Countermeasures Support Ship       |
| MMI | Fleet Minelayer                    |
| MSC | Coastal Minesweeper (non magnetic) |
| MSF | Fleet Minesweeper (steel hull)     |
| MSO | Ocean Minesweeper (non magnetic)   |

## NR

|     |                                     |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| NR  | Submersible Research Vessel         |
| FB  | Patrol Boat                         |
| FSR | River Patrol Boat                   |
| PC  | Submarine Chaser                    |
| PCF | Escort (and Inland)                 |
| PCF | Fast Patrol Craft                   |
| PCN | Hydrofoil Patrol Craft              |
| PCS | Submarine Chaser, Sweeper           |
| PE  | Eagle Boat                          |
| PF  | Patrol Escort, Frigate              |
| PG  | Gunboat, Corvette                   |
| PGH | Hydrofoil Patrol Gunboat            |
| PGM | Motor Gunboat                       |
| PHM | Patrol Combatant Missile, Hydrofoil |

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| PR  | River Gunboat                                  |
| PT  | Motor Torpedo Boat (1941); Patrol Boat (later) |
| PTI | Fast Patrol Inlet                              |
| PV  | Patrol Vessel, Converted Yacht                 |
| PYC | Patrol Vessel, Converted Yacht, Coastal        |

|      |  |
|------|--|
| SC   | Submarine Chaser                       |
| SF   | Fast Submarine                         |
| SM   | Mine Laying Submarine                  |
| SS   | Submarine                              |
| SSA  | Cargo Submarine                        |
| SSBN | Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine      |
| SSG  | Missile Submarine                      |
| SSGN | Nuclear Powered Missile Submarine      |
| SSK  | Killer Submarine                       |
| SSN  | Nuclear Attack Submarine               |
| SSO  | Oiler Submarine                        |
| SSP  | Transport Submarine                    |
| SSR  | Radar Picket Submarine                 |
| SSRN | Nuclear Powered Radar Picket Submarine |
| SST  | Target/Training Submarine              |
| SSX  | Midget Submarine                       |
| TB   | Torpedo Boat                           |
| YMS  | Mine Mine Sweeper                      |
| YN   | Net Tender (bush)                      |
| YAG  | Net Tender (gate vessel)               |
| YP   | Patrol Craft                           |
| YT   | Harbor Tug                             |

## Notes:

1. Initially, the nuclear propulsion designation was shown as (N). Later, the parentheses were removed. In this listing, only the current version without parentheses is shown.

2. "X" before the classification indicates the ship is experimental; the use of a "T" indicates that the ship is assigned to the Military Sealift Command and civilian manned. In neither case are the letters "E" and "T" part of the official classification.

3. The letter "X" is added to existing classifications to indicate a new class whose characteristics have not been defined.



# A GROUP OF MISC INSIGNIA FROM A MILITARY STORE IN PANAMA

ALL ARE ON THE ORIGINAL CARDS FROM THE MANUFACTURER



## U.S.M.S. OFFICERS

GOLD ON STERLING SHIRT  
COLLAR DEVICE LEFT SIDE  
FLANK ON THE RIGHT



## GOLD USN

THIS HAS THE EARLY ROUND  
PERIODS AND WAS WORN ON  
THE BAND COLLAR OR CAP OF  
OFFICERS' STEWARDS AND COOKS



## TRANSPORTATION CORPS

GOLD ON STERLING WORN BY BOTH  
ARMY OFFICERS AND TRANSPORTATION  
AGENTS OF THE WATER DIVISION  
U.S. ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORPS



GOLD WIRE ON BLUE WOOL - GEMSCO

**U.S.C.G. CPO**  
SILVER BULLION SHIELD  
ON GRAY FOR SLEEVE OF  
USCG CPOs ONLY



GOLD BULLION ON NAVY BLUE WOOL



SEE CN NO. 12-PAGE 11



AN INTERESTING EXAMPLE OF A DATA PROCESSING TECHNICIAN (FORMERLY MACHINE ACCOUNTANT) CHIEF PETTY OFFICER RATING WITH GOLD CHEVRONS FOR 12 YEARS GOOD CONDUCT. THIS HAS HAD THE BULLION WIRE AND THREADS REMOVED FROM THE CROW AND SPECIALTY MARK. THE CROW IS A PAPER CUT OUT GLUED ON AS A SEWING GUIDE.



SUBMITTED BY  
STEPHEN DECATUR RHOE



#### NAVAL OFFICER'S DRESS BELT BUCKLE

THIS IS A PRE 1941 DESIGN WITH THE EAGLE FACING TO THE VIEWER'S RIGHT. ALL ONE PIECE; NOT LIKE MOST SEEN HAVING ONE SIDE SEPARATE TO LOCK INTO BACK. BELIEVED TO BE PRE 1900.

CAN ANYONE PEG THE VINTAGE?



CONTRIBUTED BY RUDY BASURTO

INFO BY STEVE RHOE

# U.S.S. OMAHA

USS OMAHA CL-4 LAID DOWN: 6 DEC 1918 LAUNCHED: 14 DEC 1920 COMMISSIONED: 24 FEB 1922

ON 6 NOVEMBER 1941 WHILE ON SOUTH ATLANTIC PATROL THE USS OMAHA CAPTURED THE GERMAN MERCHANT SHIP "ODENWALD" FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG. THE GERMANS ATTEMPTED TO SCUTTLE HER, BUT THE OMAHA BOARDING PARTY TOOK THEIR PRIZE AND SENT THE "ODENWALD" TO PUERTO RICO. THE USS OMAHA WAS STRUCK FROM THE NAVY LIST ON 28 NOVEMBER 1945 AND SCRAPPED FEBRUARY 1946.



CAREER ENLISTED MARINENOV 1939 - DEC 1959

M/SGT JOHN O. MILLER SN 278074  
 DOB: 19 DEC 1920 DOE: 29 NOV 1939  
 SERVED IN WWII - KOREAN WAR  
 TAG ISSUED: GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA 1941  
 RETIRED: 31 DECEMBER 1959  
 DIED: 18 JAN 1965 10:00 AM SUNNYVALE, CA

M-1917/1941 ID TAG

THIS IS A M-1917/1941 BECAUSE IT IS AN OVAL MONEL METAL, ACID ETCHED TAG WITH HAND PRINTED INFO ON THE OBERVERSE, AND THE MAN'S RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT ON THE REVERSE. IN 1941 THE MARINE CORPS ADOPTED AN ENLISTED SERIAL NUMBER SYSTEM, AND ADDED THE BLOOD TYPE AND T-DATE TO THE EXISTING INFO OF DATE OF BIRTH AND DATE OF ENLISTMENT. IN 1942 THE DOB & DOE WAS DISCONTINUED WITH THE ADOPTION OF MACHINE STAMPED TAGS IN TWO TYPES OF METAL, BRASS AND MONEL.



ID CARD  
 REDUCED  
 15%



IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN BOTH A SERVICEMAN'S  
 ID TAG AND HIS ID CARD.

MORE TO FOLLOW ON ID TAGS IN EACH ISSUE OF THE CROW'S NEST

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RHODE

NATIONALIST CHINA

MARINE CORPS CAP INSIGNIA  
 SILVER GLOBE & ANCHOR - SILVER  
 SUN ON BLUE DISC - ALL ON A  
 DARK BROWN OVAL WITH GOLD RIM



CHARLES H. BOGART



## U.S.S. ABNAKI AT-96/ATF-96 1943 - DATE

THE ABNAKI ARE AN AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE LIVING IN MAINE AND CANADA

(AT-96: dp. 1240; l. 280'; b. 28'6"; dr. 15'4"; c. 16.5 k.;  
cpl. 85; a. 1.3"; cl. Cherokee)

Abnaki (AT-96) was launched 23 April 1943 by Charleston Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., Charleston, S. C.; sponsored by Mrs. James Mayon Jones; commissioned 15 November 1943, Lieutenant D. Walley in command; and reported to the Atlantic Fleet.

Between February 1944 and May 1945 Abnaki made four trans-Atlantic voyages. She was reclassified ATF-96, 15 May 1944. In June 1944 she towed to Bermuda the German submarine U-505 which had been captured by the Guadalcanal (CVE-60) task group.

Reporting to the Pacific Fleet in the summer of 1945, Abnaki served intermittently with the occupation forces in Japan until the outbreak of the Korean hostilities. Between 23 June 1951 and 15 February 1952 she operated with Service Division 31 furnishing mobile logistic support to the fleet during the Korean operations.

Since the cessation of hostilities in Korea, Abnaki has remained active with the Pacific Fleet. During February 1955 she took an active part in the evacuation of Chinese Nationalists from the Tachen Islands.

Abnaki received three battle stars for her service during the hostilities in Korea.



MASTER AT ARMS BADGE

MADE POST 15 MAY 1944

WITH NEW DESIGNATION OF ATF-96



THE CAPTURE OF THE GERMAN U-BOAT 505 IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC OFF FRENCH WEST AFRICA BY TASK GROUP 22.3 ON 4 JUNE 1944 IS A FASCINATING STORY. THE U-505 WAS THE FIRST FOREIGN MAN OF WAR CAPTURED ON THE HIGH SEAS BY THE U.S. NAVY SINCE 1815. THE U-505 IS ON PERMANENT DISPLAY IN CHICAGO AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY. IT IS WORTH WRITING TO SEE IF A BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



# AVIATION ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 2nd CLASS

WELL PROPORTIONED EAGLE WITH CHEVRONS OF RED FELT WHEN ALL MANUFACTURERS HAD GONE TO THE FULLY EMBROIDERED CHEVRONS



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

MISPROPORTIONED EAGLE - DID HE SIT ON THE GLOBE? CHEVRONS EMBROIDERED VERICALLY



MORE FOREIGN MADE U.S. NAVY P.O. RATINGS



SPECIALISTRATING BADGES

REDUCED  
18%

CONTRIBUTED BY  
DAVE COLLAR



IN COLLECTING U.S. NAVY ITEMS WE VERY SELDOM FIND RATINGS THAT HAVE BEEN ALTERED OR CONVERTED. HERE WE HAVE SUCH AN EXAMPLE - AN INTERESTING FIRST CLASS P.O. RATING OF THE WWII PERIOD DATED 1944

SPECIALIST R = RECRUITER AT TIME OF MANUFACTURE IN 1944  
THEN THE LETTER X = SPECIALIST (NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED)  
HAS BEEN ADDED BY STITCHING IT OVER THE EXISTING R SPECIALIST

NAVY SUBMARINE ENGINEERING DUTY  
QUALIFICATION BADGE



TYPE I

13 JULY 1950 - 11 AUGUST 1952

QUALIFICATION BADGE WITH LARGE "E" BELOW BOW OF SUBMARINE. THIS BADGE IS SHOWN IN THE 1951 BLUE JACKETS MANUAL, 14th EDITION, 5th PRINTING, AND IS STILL SHOWN IN THE 17th PRINTING 1953 EDITION

? WHAT IS IT?

WHITE ANCHOR - STARS - STRIPES - BLUE UPPER SHIELD  
RED STRIPES - ALL COTTON EMBROIDERED ON NAVY  
BLUE WOOL. IT WAS SEWN INTO THE POCKET OF A WWI  
QM2c BLUE JUMPER.



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



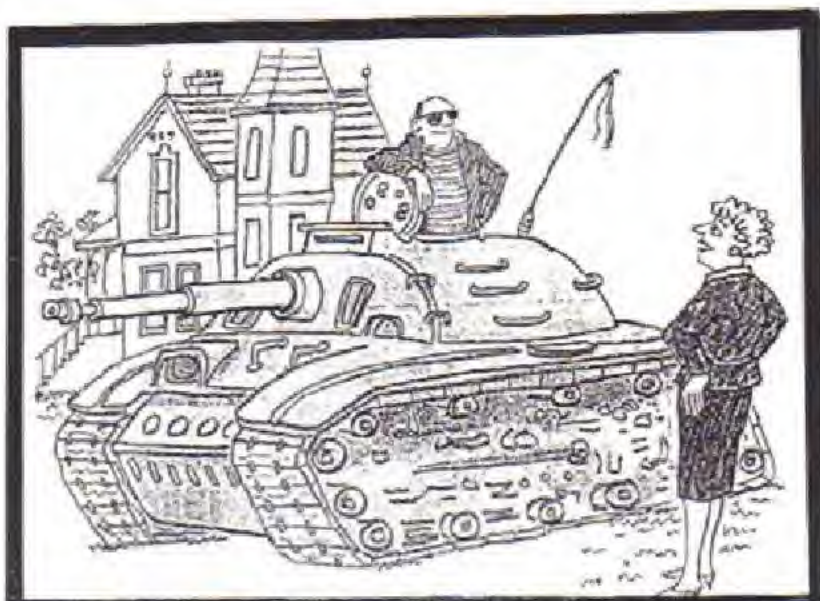
SUBMITTED BY  
STEPHEN DECATUR RODE



U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY SLEEVE INSIGNIA FOR COMPANY PETTY OFFICER - REFERENCE SOURCES DATE THIS BACK TO 1929; IT WAS WORN UNTIL 2 MAY 1947 WHEN THE ARCH WAS ADDED AND THE NAME CHANGED TO COMPANY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



CAPTAIN U.S. MARINE CORPS  
SHOULDER STRAP FOR FULL DRESS UNIFORM  
SILVER BULLION WIRE CAPTAIN BARS AND  
EDGING; RED EMBROIDERED PIPING - 1950s



YOU PROMISED YOU'D STOP AFTER YOU BOUGHT THE LST!



U.S.P.H.S.  
WARRANT OR CHIEF WARRANT  
PHARMACIST  
WORN ABOVE SLEEVE BRAID



# U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE GRAY SHOULDER MARKS OF WWII



LIEUTENANT  
JUNIOR GRADE



LIEUTENANT



LIEUTENANT  
COMMANDER

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROMOE



U.S.M.C. CAMOUFLAGE  
HELMET COVER INSIGNIA  
THESE ARE REVERSIBLE  
IN TWO PATTERNS  
JUNGLE - BROWN/GREEN  
AND  
DESERT - BROWN/TAN

SUBMITTED BY  
STEPHEN DECATUR ROMOE





# USS CONNECTICUT (BB-18) ON TRIALS 1906 - THE STORY OF THIS FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPH

FROM NAVAL HISTORY APRIL 1987



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This picture of the USS *Connecticut* (BB-18) was taken at the time of her trials in Penobscot Bay [1906]. Admiral [Robley D.] Evans ordered his chief of staff to take the admiral's steam launch halfway down the course and see that Mr. Muller (the photographer) had every possible facility to get satisfactory photos. Hardly had the little launch taken its position and Mr. Muller adjusted his camera when the big battleship was seen to be under way three miles up course. On came the *Connecticut* belching a volcano of black smoke from her funnels.

Down in the engine room, the men were firing her up with picked Welsh coal sprinkled with oil. The builders of the ironclad were offering the stokers extra pay if the speed trial exceeded the contract specifications and the government premiums.

As the onrushing *Connecticut* passed the white buoy that marks the second mile, Admiral Evans's staff officer in command of the launch took the wheel

and started the launch forward as if to cross the bow of the battleship. He intended to run straight for the ship and turn sharply when the launch had approached as close as safe. Muller took two photographs and slipped in his last plate ready to make his final picture just as the launch reached the danger limit.

"We can't run any closer," said the officer in command of the launch; and with all his strength, he turned the wheel to starboard—when, in his horror, he found he had wrenched the steering gear from its connection. The launch, free of all control, shot straight at the great battleship, and Admiral Evans, standing on the bridge, closed his eyes to escape the spectacle of death which seemed inevitable.

But Mr. Muller, with single-minded fidelity to his work, snapped his camera—and in another instant he was in the water, holding up above his head, safe and dry, the remarkable negative from which the photograph is reproduced.

No one ever intended to take such a picture. There is nowhere in the world another such photograph. A copy of this one hung in President Teddy Roosevelt's study in the White House. Another copy hung in Emperor William's stateroom on the German Imperial Yacht *Hohenzollern*.—This account was provided by Harry F. Coester and published by *Yankee magazine* (1967).

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** One of the framed originals was presented to the U. S. Naval Institute by Mr. James A. Rowan. He states in his letter, "My father, William Rowan, was very active in Roosevelt's presidential campaign, and, in 1907, brought this picture home. As I was only 2 years old at the time I did not know how he acquired it but I do know that this is not the type of picture he would have purchased. I never inquired in later years as to its acquisition." The photograph is on display in the Naval Institute's lobby.

ON 16 APRIL 1907 THE USS CONNECTICUT (BB-18) WAS DESIGNATED FLAGSHIP FOR THE GREAT WHITE FLEET'S CRUISE AROUND THE WORLD 16 DEC 1907-22 FEB 1909

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



# SOME INTERESTING VARIATIONS ON U.S. NAVY SPECIALTY MARKS



AIR CONTROLMAN



AVIATION ELECTRONICSMAN



COMMISSARYMAN



QUILL FACING LEFT



QUILL FACING RIGHT



LARGE KEYS

AVIATION STOREKEEPER

NOTE:  
THE DIFFERENCE  
IN THE KEY ENDS



SMALL KEYS

## DISTINGUISHING MARK

ADVANCED UNDERSEA WEAPONSMAN





# U.S.S. RIGEL

USS RIGEL AD-13/AR-11 BUILT IN 1918 AS THE MERCHANT SHIP EDGECOMBE WAS ACQUIRED BY THE NAVY 16 NOVEMBER 1921 FROM THE WAR SHIPPING BOARD AND COMMISSIONED AS DESTROYER TENDER AD-13 ON 24 FEBRUARY 1922; RECLASSIFIED REPAIR SHIP AR-11 ON 10 APRIL 1941. SHE SERVED IN THE PACIFIC IN WWI. USS RIGEL WAS DECOMMISSIONED 11 JULY 1946, AND TRANSFERRED TO THE MARITIME COMMISSION FOR DISPOSAL. SHE WAS SCRAPPED IN 1950.



LIBERTY CARD BELONGING TO DAVID M. HIGUERA RM1c  
GENERAL DETAIL 1st WATCH SECTION ABOARD THE  
USS RIGEL (AR-11) SOMETIME AFTER 1 APRIL 1941  
SIGNED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER CDR. W.E. McCLENDON



THE SECOND RIGEL (AF-58) WAS LAID DOWN 15 MARCH 1954; LAUNCHED 15 MARCH 1955, AND COMMISSIONED 2 SEPTEMBER 1955. SHE WAS THE FIRST OF A NEW CLASS OF HIGH-SPEED, LARGE CAPACITY, FULLY REFRIGERATED STORES ISSUES SHIPS. AS OF 1987 SHE WAS SERVING IN THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND AS T-AF-58.

THANKS TO RUDY BASURTO FOR THE CAP RIBBON AND STEVE ROHDE FOR CARD, PHOTO & INFO



## PUNISHED ADMIRAL FURIOUS AT NAVY CHIEF FOR TAILHOOK CENSURE

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rear admiral censured for failing to prevent the debauchery and sexual abuse at the 1991 Tailhook convention has attacked Navy Secretary John Dalton for a punishment "unprecedented since Pearl Harbor."

"Two wars, years at sea, absolute loyalty and dedication to my Navy and my country and you are punishing me as if I were guilty of misconduct. I am not. I spoke the truth," Rear Adm. Riley Mixson wrote in a rebuttal to Dalton dated Oct. 18.

Mixson, the assistant chief of naval operations for air warfare, asked Dalton to reduce the punishment to a non-punitive administrative action although the censure cannot be appealed.

"I deeply resent being punitively held responsible above and apart from those who, unlike myself, were in the direct chain of

command of those who were charged with misconduct," he said.

He said he bears "the brunt of what you perceive as a 'politically correct decision'" because he was an assistant to then-Vice Adm. Richard Dunleavy.

In the harshest action since the September 1991 convention in Las Vegas, Dalton on Oct. 15 reduced the rank of a retired admiral, Dunleavy, and censured two others, including Mixson.

A censure remains in the officer's permanent file and is considered a serious blow to a Navy career.

Dozens of women were sexually assaulted by Navy and Marine Corps aviators at the convention of the Tailhook Association.

Cdr. Stephen Pietropoli, a Navy spokesman, said the service stands by its decision to impose a censure.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1993



FLIGHT SUIT NAME TAG

**RAADM RILEY DEWITT MIXSON PN 590255 USN**

DOB: 23 SEPT 1936 - PESB: 8 OCT 1958 - AV OFFICER'S

CANDIDATE 1962 - LINE PILOT USNR 1965 - TRANS TO USN  
LT(jg) - 27 AUG 1968 - LT - 1 MARCH 1969 - RAADM - 1 NOV 1987

**USN VICE ADMIRAL CAP DEVICE**

SILVER STARS - GOLD ANCHOR & WREATH

14 JANUARY 1966 - 11 MARCH 1989



## ? WHAT IS IT ?



THE ABOVE GRAY SHOULDER MARK WITH A POINTED END HAS BEEN THE TOPIC OF MUCH DISCUSSION; HOWEVER, NOT UNTIL NOW WAS A GOOD PHOTO OF IT AVAILABLE FOR STUDY. IT SHOWS A NON U.S. NAVY SHOULDER MARK (MADE WITH A NAVY BUTTON) WITH A BLACK EMBROIDERED NAUTICAL EMBLEM - EAGLE FACING RIGHT ON A SHIP'S WHEEL OVER ANCHOR - SHIELD ON CHEST WITH THE LETTERS JNM IS THIS JUNIOR NAVAL MILITARY?

SEE PAGE 7 OF THIS ISSUE FOR THE SAME DEVICE, BUT WITH LETTERS NCC. IS THIS NAVAL CADET CORPS

EARLY 1940 AVIATION STAMPS ISSUED BY TIDELAND OIL, A SUBSIDIARY OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD





## U. S. Marines—Soldiers of the Sea

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When United States Marines were sent among the first to the firing line in France, they were upholding their historic record and making good their slogan of "First to Fight."

The United States Marine Corps was organized by an Act of the Continental Congress, November 10, 1775, and is the oldest branch of the service.

U. S. Marines hoisted the American flag on foreign soil for the first time, when, in 1803, at Derne, Tripoli, they took that stronghold.

They stormed Chapultepec in the Mexican War of 1847.

They were at the first battle of Bull Run in the Civil War.

They were with Dewey at Manila.

A mere handful of them stood off 6,000 Spaniards at Guantanamo, Cuba, in June, 1898, several weeks before other troops landed.

They were the first American troops to enter Peking, China, during the Boxer uprising in 1900.

With the bluejackets of the Navy they were first ashore at Vera Cruz, Mexico, in April, 1914.

In the past few years they have quelled revolutions in Nicaragua, Haiti and Santo Domingo. They have made the Caribbean countries "safe for democracy" and are now in Europe on the same noble errand.

Many persons do not know who the U. S. Marines are—what they do, how they dress, etc., and, while the picture on the reverse side of this will give you a good idea of the appearance of Marines in field uniform, a word about who they are may not be amiss just here.

Soldiers who are enlisted for service, either on land or aboard ships of war, are known by the distinctive name of "Marines." They are organized, clothed and equipped very much as are soldiers of the land forces, and their preliminary instruction is similar. For these reasons they become qualified for duty with either the army or navy, and are, therefore, of double value to the nation. The headquarters, barracks and depots are on shore. Details from the barracks are made for service aboard ships when required. Marine detachments, according to the size of the ship, vary in strength from a dozen men under a sergeant to sixty or more men under one or two commissioned officers.

The young man seeking excitement, adventure and Action—the latter with a capital A—can find it with the United States Marines.

Marines go first and fight first. They see action in the first degree.

Recruiting stations for these "first to fight" sea soldiers—separate and apart from those for the army and navy—are located in all principal cities. Look in your directory, or, better still, call "central"—she'll know where it is located.

There are not many vacancies in the Marine Corps. So you'd better write today for a free illustrated booklet describing the pay and duties of Marines. It's yours for the asking and you have only to drop a postal to:

U. S. Marine Corps Publicity Bureau  
117-119A EAST 24th STREET  
NEW YORK CITY



SPECIALIST - EMERGENCY SERVICE RATINGS 1941 - 1974

FOR ALL THE SUBSEQUENT TITLES OF THESE RATINGS SEE JOHN STACEY'S BOOK ON U.S. NAVY RATINGS PAGES 44-54. FOR THE SAKE OF CONVENIENCE WE WILL USE THE FIRST TITLE ONLY.

TRANSPORTATION AIRMAN 3rd and 2nd CLASS

NOTE INTERESTING DIFFERENCE IN THE LETTER T

SIZE REDUCED 22%

TRANSPORTATION AIRMAN 1st CLASS

FOR USE ON THE WWII EXPERIMENTAL ENLISTED GRAY JUMPER; DATED 1944



SUBMITTED BY  
STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



# U.S. FRIGATE CONSTELLATION SHIP OF THE LINE 1797-1994

ORIGINAL INFO SHEETS THAT CAME WITH THE "CONSTELLATION" COIN

## U. S. Frigate "Constellation"



## Souvenir Medals Struck From Navy's First Ship

### Good For Lifetime Admission to Frigate

Thousands of special copper medals, newly-minted from parts of the United States Frigate "Constellation", now berthed in Baltimore, will provide lifetime free admission to the Navy's oldest vessel for the fortunate owners.

The medals, struck from copper spiken used in the original construction of the ship in Baltimore in 1797, are being used to raise funds nationally for the restoration work required to put the "Constellation" in original condition. The medals are being distributed on the basis of one for each dollar donated.

Every dollar raised by this means will go towards replacing deteriorated planking, frames, masts, bulwarks and the hundreds of other items needed so that the "Constellation" can remain afloat and take her rightful place as a national shrine.

Completed several months before the famous U.S.F. "Constellation", the "Constellation" saw action on numerous occasions during the 18th and early 19th Century. She remained on the Navy's active list until 1955, and during World War II was the flagship of the Atlantic Fleet. A stout link with our heritage, the "Constellation's" preservation is felt to be a national responsibility.

Donations of a dollar, or multiples of a dollar, which will make the restoration possible, should be made to:

"Constellation", Baltimore, Md.

"CONSTELLATION"  
BALTIMORE, MD.

I enclose \$..... to help restore the United States Frigate "Constellation". In return please send me..... "Constellation" medals.

Name.....

Address.....

City..... State.....

This pamphlet was produced at no cost to the "Constellation" Committee by Bennett Bros. Co., Rochester, New York, manufacturers of the medal. Also, Edward E. Ormsby, Tourist Building, Baltimore, Md.



The history of the U. S. Frigate CONSTELLATION closely parallels that of our nation. She was the first ship of the New Republic to put to sea fully equipped and manned. It was the training of her crew of 220 seamen and 40 marines, and the institution of gunnery practice under Captain Truxton that gave him the title of "the Father of the United States Navy" and made the CONSTELLATION his birthplace.

After the Revolutionary War such naval forces as existed were disbanded, for Congress did not deem the expense necessary. But by 1794 American shipping was being preyed upon by the Barbary Pirates Tripoli, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, and Congress authorized the building of a small navy. President George Washington chose Joshua Humphreys, naval architect of Philadelphia, to design the ships. Six frigates were ordered, the CONSTELLATION and CONGRESS of 36 guns and the UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT, CHESAPEAKE and CONSTITUTION of 44 guns each. The first ship laid down was the CONSTELLATION. She was built at Samuel and Joseph Stevens's shipyard in Baltimore with David Snodder, builder, and Captain Thomas Truxton in command of the operation.

By 1796 the frigate had taken shape on the ways and the newspapers of the day told of the constant stream of visitors who went to Fell's Point across from Fort Mifflin to view this enormous wooden ship, a hundred and seventy feet long and forty wide. She was launched on September 7, 1797 amid great fanfare. During her launching every signal to the workmen was given by the rattle of a drum, for she was under control of the War Department—the U. S. Navy was soon to be born.

Months were required to rig and outfit the vessel. At last Captain Truxton received his commission and on June 24, 1798, the CONSTELLATION put to sea. Her first assignment was the conveying of a group of 60 merchants along the coast. After this "shakedown" she was dispatched to the West Indies which were infested by French Privateers that preyed on American shipping. There the CONSTELLATION defeated and captured her first warship, L'INSURGENTE, the pride of the French navy, as disabled the 36 gun LA VERTUE, and the last bark and from her great spread gained the nickname "The Yankee Race-Horse".

During the War of 1812, the CONSTELLATION was blockaded in Chesapeake Bay by the British Fleet. Nevertheless, she took the principal part in the engagement at Craney Island where a British attempt at invasion was repulsed with the loss of 8 gunboats and 410 men. Again she fought the Barbary Pirates in the Mediterranean in 1815, leading a group of four American vessels in capturing the 46 gun frigate MASHUDA; sailed around the world, calling at ports in China and Hawaii, paving the way for the "Open Door Policy" and annexation of the Territory of Hawaii; captured the large DELICIA and TRITON, and the bark CURA in the slave trade off the coast of Africa; was active during the Civil War in the Mediterranean and the Gulf of Mexico; took relief supplies to Ireland during the famine of 1880; served as a training ship at Newport and the U. S. Naval Academy; and concluded her active service as flagship of the Atlantic fleet during World War II. She has been in commission longer than any other ship of the U. S. Navy. Today, still basically sound and original, she displays more service ribbons than any other warship.





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RED FIRE - VIETNAM AND BORDER IN GOLD 2 1/8 x 5 5/8"



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**SEVENTY PERCENT** of all combat casualties are caused by fragmentation type weapons. This vest, including the flexible shoulder pad area and collar, will afford you considerable protection from these missiles. However, it will **NOT** protect you from **ALL** small arms fire at close range. Take care of your vest and wear it wisely.

**IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

**U. S. MARINE CORPS**

**SIZE**

MCXPS 19, 100, 1010 5-17-55 BAR.

### HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ONE OF THESE?

NOTE: M-1955 DESIGNATION - USMC EXPERIMENTED WITH BODY ARMOR IN THE KOREAN WAR, AND MANY LIVES WERE SAVED BECAUSE OF ITS USAGE. IT WAS REQUIRED FIELD GEAR IN KOREA AND VIETNAM.

A VERY INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE MATCH BOOK OF WORLD WAR II





SHEPHARD WALTER  
MACKINSROYAL MARINES

DIED NATIONAL HOSPITAL  
H&F OF WRIGHT OF  
TUBERCULOSIS AGE 24  
13 SEPT 1918



WE ARE ALL FAMILIAR WITH  
THE MARKSMAN-SHARPSHOOTER  
EXPERT RIFLEMAN DM  
AS SHOWN ON PAGE 69 OF  
JOHN STACEY'S BOOK.

WHAT TITLE COULD WE  
GIVE THIS UNAUTHORIZED  
DISTINGUISHING MARK?

U.S.P.H.S.

BRONZE 1 INCH DISC WORN ON  
THE ARMY STAND UP COLLAR  
UNIFORM BY PERSONNEL  
ATTACHED TO THE ARMY IN WWI

URBAN DISTRICT  
MACKINSMERCANTILE MARINE

SEAMAN GUN CREW  
HMS VINDICTIVE  
SHELLED OFF  
DUNKIRK, FRANCE 1918

TWO BROTHERS  
IN THE KING'S SERVICE

URBAN MACKINS WAS BORN ON 6 APRIL 1897 - CAME TO CANADA 1913 - THEN BACK TO ENGLAND  
FOR THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918 - TO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 1922 - BECAME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN  
1926 - WORKED FOR THE CITY UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT - DIED IN SAN FRANCISCO IN SEPT 1987



ON 26 JUNE 1902 KING EDWARD VII WAS CROWNED KING OF GREAT BRITAIN AND EMPEROR OF INDIA. THIS TIN OF  
CHOCOLATES WAS GIVEN TO SHEPHARD MACKINS (AGE 16) A ROYAL MARINE AS WAS THE CUSTOM ON CORONATION DAY.



NOVELTY PATCH FOR KIDS  
DUNGAREE TYPE IRON ON



CHUCK SASS

CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

IS THIS A USPHS LOWER SLEEVE DEVICE TO  
INDICATE 2 1/2 YEARS OVERSEAS IN THE  
AEF IN WWI? SILVER BULLION

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#13

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROWDE



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use ironing board or any smooth padded surface.
2. Before applying transfer, be sure cloth is smooth and not wrinkled.
3. Place decal badge on sleeve, COLOR SIDE DOWN. Do not use steam iron. Place dry iron indicator to "Cotton" or "Linen" temp. (450°F) and press iron over design 3 to 4 seconds with firm pressure.
4. Remove paper at once while paper is still hot.

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IRON ON TRANSFER RATES



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RODE

NOTICE: THESE ARE IRONING INSTRUCTIONS IN VIETNAMESE . . .

## CHI DẪN

-Nên dùng tấm vải hoặc mặt nào bằng phẳng cũng được để ủi. -Trước khi ủi Phũ-hiếu nên xem cho mặt vải bằng phẳng và không nhăn. -Đặt tấm phũ-hiếu bề mặt xuống vai. Không nên sử dụng bàn ủi lớn. Khi ủi bàn ủi khô, vẫn rút chỉ "Coton" hoặc "laine" (450°F) và ấn cho mạnh trong khoảng thời gian 2 hoặc 3 giây đồng hồ. -Gõ ngay miếng giấy ra trong lúc còn nóng.

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MOFFETT FIELD  
1933 - 1994WORLD WAR II  
MATCH BOOK

THIS DOES NOT HAVE A NAUTICAL THEME, BUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM WAR IT IS OF INTEREST. THIS IS A 5 DONG NOTE (ACTUAL SIZE IS 70x140mm) ISSUED BY THE COMMUNIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (VIET CONG) GOVERNMENT AFTER ITS VICTORY OVER SOUTH VIETNAM ON 30 APRIL 1975. IT IS DATED 1966, BUT WAS ISSUED IN 1975 AS TRANSITIONAL CURRENCY UNTIL THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF NORTH AND SOUTH WAS MERGED INTO THE UNIFIED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

NOTE THE JUBILANT SCENE WITH CRASHED AND BURNING U.S. HELICOPTERS, MANY AMERICAN DEAD, AND OFF TO THE RIGHT U.S. POWs BEING LED AWAY.

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PETTY OFFICER 1st CLASS  
ALUMINUM SHIPBOARD MADE  
DUNGAREE SHIRT STENCIL

MANUFACTURING ERROR  
SHIPFITTER (ENGINEERING GROUP)  
DIAGONAL STRIPES SHOULD BE  
RED; THESE ARE LIGHT BLUE  
FOR CONSTRUCTION



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STEPHEN DECATUR RODE



Author: Stephen Decatur Rode



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ATLANTIC COMMAND  
U.S. NAVY BREAST BADGE  
AUTHORIZED DATE UNKNOWN  
MEDIUM BLUE ON A WHITE  
ENAMELED DISC - RIMS AND  
LETTERING ARE GOLD



**CDR. DONALD T. ROHDE SUPPLY CORPS USN (RETIRED)****SERVED 1936 - 1961**

**ENSIGN**  
SUPPLY CORPS  
MAY 1941



**LT. COMMANDER**  
GRAY SMK  
1945 - 1949



**APPRENTICE SEAMAN**  
MAY 1936



**COMMANDER**  
BLUE SMK  
1949 - 1961



**COMMANDER**  
SUPPLY CORPS  
MAY 1961



AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE WITH FLEET STAR  
AMERICAN THEATER - ASIATIC-PACIFIC WITH  
7 STARS - WWII VICTORY - NATIONAL DEFENSE  
PL. LIBERATION WITH 2 STARS



M-1917/41 ACIO  
ETCHED ID TAG  
MADE FEB 1942



U.S.S. OAKLAND (CL-90)  
SUPPLY OFFICER 1943-1944



NON REGULATION  
SHAPE M-1942  
MADE JAN 1942



OLD REVET TYPE ID CARD  
FINGERPRINT ON REVERSE 1941



**CDR D.T. ROHDE AND HIS TWO SONS**

STEPHEN  
DECATUR

GUAM  
1956

DAVID  
FARRAGUT



NEW PRINTED ID CARD  
MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD, CALIF. 1942

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO MY FATHER WHO IMPARTED TO HIS TWO SONS THE LOVE OF HISTORY AND THE NAVY.  
HIS KNOWLEDGE AND STUDY OF THE CIVIL WAR BROUGHT HISTORY ALIVE, AND LED ME TO COLLECT  
MILITARY INSIGNIA. BOTH SONS SERVED IN THE MILITARY - SDN USNR 1959 - 1968 - DFR USMC 1961 - 1969.

THANKS AGAIN, DAD.

STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



## U.S. NAVY BAND INSIGNIA

IN ISSUE NO. 12 PAGE 32-33 WE SHOWED THE  
UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA AS THEY WERE IN 1941.  
MORE INTERESTING INFORMATION



METAL PIN ON



BULLION WHEEL EMBROIDERED  
GOLD LYRE - SILVER LETTERS  
USN ON NAVY BLUE WOOL



BULLION SEW ON



USN'S BAND YFIRRA BUENA ISLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, CA CIRCA WWI  
THE BAND LEADER WITH BATON IS WEARING THE DEVICE SHOWN  
CENTER ABOVE - LYRE WITH USN - OF THE 81 MEN IN THE PHOTO  
ONLY THOSE HAVE THIS OLDER BULLION VERSION OF THE BAND  
CAP DEVICE. ALL OTHERS HAVE THE METAL LYRE.  
TAKEN FROM A LARGE 35" PHOTO.



WWI STYLE

OFFICER'S SHIRT DOLLAR DEVICE  
U.S. NAVY BAND  
GOLD METAL CLUTCH BACK



POST WWI STYLE



U.S. NAVY BAND  
CAP DEVICE - ALL RANKS  
TYPE IS 10 AUG 1951-20 MARCH 1959  
(ACADEMY BAND 5 FEB 1956)



USN & USNA BAND  
CAP DEVICE - ALL RANKS  
TYPE IS 'USN' ADDED  
20 MARCH 1959 - DATE

ADMIRAL RAPHAEL SEMMES 1809-1877  
CONFEDERATE STATES NAVY

*Raphael Semmes*

A REQUEST WAS MADE FOR A PHOTO AND INFO  
ON ADMIRAL SEMMES OF THE CONFEDERACY

Raphael Semmes, born on 21 September 1809 in  
Charles County, Md., was appointed midshipman in the  
United States Navy on 1 April 1826, after initial duty  
in Lexington in the Mediterranean Squadron. He at-  
tended the Naval School at Norfolk, Va.; then served  
on the Mediterranean, West Indian, South American,  
and Florida stations; conducted a hydrographic survey  
of Chesapeake Bay; and served in various capacities  
at the Washington Navy Yard. During the Mexican  
War he served as commanding officer of Semmes until  
that ship's loss, then served flag duty under  
Commodore Conner. He participated in the siege of  
Veracruz and the expedition against Tuxtepec and ac-  
companied General Scott's army to Mexico City. Promoted  
to Commander on 14 September 1855, he was  
subsequently appointed Light House Inspector of the  
4th Light House District and served on the Light House  
Board until 1861. With the secession of Alabama, he  
adopted that state. Semmes received his commission in  
the United States Navy on 15 February 1863. He sub-  
sequently served in the Confederate States Navy and,  
after commanding the *Alabama* and *Florida*, was  
appointed Rear Admiral and given the command  
of the Texas River Squadron, which he destroyed dur-  
ing the blockade of Richmond. After the war, he  
taught at the Louisiana State University, edited the  
*Memphis Daily Bulletin*, and practiced law in Mobile  
until his death on 15 August 1877.

THE ABOVE LITHOGRAPH IS NOT ACCURATE. SEMMES  
WAS ONLY A REAR ADMIRAL AT TIME OF RETIREMENT,  
NOT A VICE ADMIRAL AS SHOWN BY THE THREE  
STARS ON HIS SHOULDER STRAP

SSBN DETERRENT PATROL  
28 JAN 1969 - SILVER FOR OFFICER & EM



# WORLD WAR II HOSPITAL SHIP HULL CONFIGURATIONS

THESE SHIPS WERE ALL CONVERTED FROM VARIOUS CIVILIAN MERCHANT SHIP DESIGNS

NAVY HOSPITAL SHIPS HAD THE DISTINCT MARKINGS OF A GREEN HULL BAND AND A RED CROSS ON THE HULL AND STACK

## USS SAMARITAN AH-10 1945



ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1920 AS A PASSENGER SHIP - ACQUIRED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT 3 NOV 1921 AND COMMISSIONED AS AN ARMY TRANSPORT CHAUMONT AP-6 ON 22 NOV 1921. SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO MANILA WHEN WAR BROKE OUT ON 7 DEC 1941. DECOMMISSIONED 28 AUG 1943 FOR CONVERSION TO A HOSPITAL SHIP. RENAMED USS SAMARITAN AH-10 AND RECOMMISSIONED 1 MARCH 1944. SERVED IN THE PACIFIC UNTIL DECOMMISSIONED 25 JUNE 1946. TRANSFERRED TO THE MARITIME COMMISSION FOR DISPOSAL 29 AUG 1946, AND SCRAPPED IN 1948. SHE RECEIVED FOUR BATTLE STARS FOR WORLD WAR II SERVICE.

## USS CONSOLATION AH-15 1945



OILER TYPE C4-S-82 HAVEN CLASS ENGINEERING SPACES AND STACK AFT - ORIGINALLY NAMED MARINE WALRUS LAUNCHED 1 AUG 1944. ACQUIRED BY USN 30 AUG 1944. COMMISSIONED 22 MAY 1945. POW RECEIVING SHIP AT WAKAYAMA, JAPAN 11 SEPT 1945. KOREAN WAR SERVICE. EVACUATION FROM NORTH VIETNAM 1954. DECOMMISSIONED 30 DEC 1955. CHARTERED AND RENAMED HOPE BY THE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE HEALTH FOUNDATION. SHE STILL SERVES IN THAT CAPACITY. SHE RECEIVED 10 BATTLE STARS FOR KOREAN WAR SERVICE.

## USS RESCUE AH-18 1944



FORMER PASSENGER SHIP SS ST. JOHN - LAUNCHED 9 JAN 1932. PURCHASED BY USN AND RENAMED USS ANTAEUS AS-21 ON 24 APRIL 1941. COMMISSIONED 17 MAY 1941. CONVERTED TO TRANSPORT AG-67 ON 15 SEPT 1943. REDESIGNATED USS RESCUE AH-18 ON 18 JAN 1945. SERVED IN JAPAN AS POW PROCESSING SHIP. DECOMMISSIONED 29 APRIL 1946 AND TRANSFERRED TO MARITIME COMMISSION ON 29 JUNE 1946. SHE RECEIVED 2 BATTLE STARS FOR WORLD WAR II SERVICE.





WWII NAVY MATCH BOOK

CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

DARK NAVY BLUE DESIGN OF TWO  
SEA CREATURES FACING EACH OTHER  
INSIDE A CIRCLE OVER TWO CROSSED  
ANCHORS WITHIN A BORDER 2 3/4" IN  
DIAMETER - WHITE TWILL BACKGROUND  
GLUED CHEESE CLOTH ON REVERSE

EXAMPLE OF A U.S. NAVY CPO KHAKI RATING  
BADGE HAVING YET TO BE EMBROIDERED  
WITH THE SPECIALTY MARK



AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SILVER BULLION SPECIALTY MARK AND  
CROW IS FOUND IN CHANGE 5 TO THE 1947 UR DATED 14 FEB 1948.  
O.F.S. MIGHT DO WELL TO RE-THINK THE AUTHENTICITY OF HIS  
BULLION CHIEF AVIATION QUARTERMASTER RATING SHOWN IN  
CROW'S NEST NO. 4 PAGE 7.

SERVICE RECOLLECTIONS

WHILE SERVING ABOARD THE USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33) IN 1961 I WENT TO A MOVIE IN DOWN TOWN  
LONG BEACH. THE NEXT MORNING AT CHOW I ASKED MY HEAVY DRINKING SHIPMATE AND WATCH  
STANDING BUDDY, CHARLIE BROWN FROM ARIZONA, IF HE HAD SEEN "THE DEVIL AT FOUR O'CLOCK." HE  
SAID, "NO, BUT I SURE THOUGHT I SAW HIM AT 2:30 THIS MORNING ON THE WAY BACK TO THE SHIP".

STEPHEN DECATUR RONDE USN 1959-1968





ACTUAL SIZE  
12 9/16"



USS WASP (CV-18) BIRTH SHIP TO BEAR THIS NAME. ORIGINALLY LAID DOWN AS CRUSANT, BUT NAME CHANGED TO WASP WHEN USS WASP (CV-7) WAS LOST ON 15 SEPT 1942. COMMISSIONED 24 NOV 1943. SERVED IN THE PACIFIC IN WWII. TO CVS 1 OCT 1962 TO CVS 1 NOV 1964. HOME PORT GUANSEY POINT, RI 15 JUNE 1946 (ATLANTIC ACTIVE). DECOMMISSIONED AND STRUCK 1 JULY 1973. SOLD 21 MAY 1975. AND SCRAPPED.



USN INTEGRATED UNDERSEA SURVEILLANCE  
SYSTEM (IUS) OFFICER-GOLD, ENLISTED-SILVER  
AUTHORIZED 24 DECEMBER 1960

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHOE

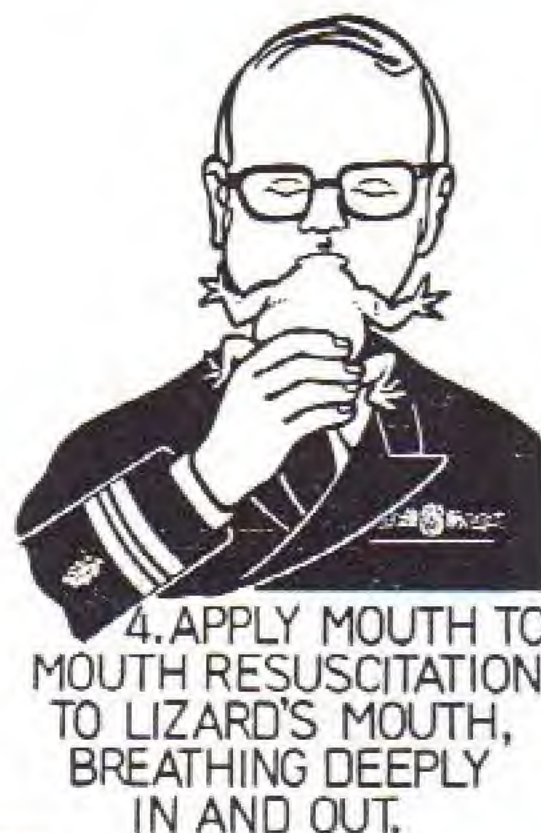


U.S.S. SHANGRI-LA (CV-38) - FICTITIOUS HIMALAYAN KINGDOM IN JAMES HILTON'S NOVEL  
LAID DOWN: 15 JAN 1943 - LAUNCHED: 24 FEB 1944 - COM: 15 SEPT 1944  
PACIFIC RAIDS: 1945 - DECOM: 7 NOV 1947 - RECOM: 10 MAY 1951  
TO CVS: 30 JUNE 1969 - 3 BATTLE STARS FOR VIETNAM SERVICE  
DECOM: 30 JULY 1971 - ATLANTIC RESERVE FLEET, PHILADELPHIA

CONTRIBUTED BY GEORGE L. FROSS



## HOW TO RESUSCITATE A LIZARD



CONTRIBUTED BY SARGE

U.S. NAVY OFFICER'S CUFF LINKS



CPO E7

U.S. NAVY CPO CUFF LINKS



CPO E9



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RODE



# U.S. NAVY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS

AUTHORIZED 17 OCTOBER 1969

## STANDARD SHOULDER MARK



CAPTAIN



BULLION SLEEVE DEVICE  
FOR BLUE COAT



GOLD AND SILVER CORPS  
DEVICE FOR SHIRT

## SLIP ON SHOULDER LOOP



LT. JUNIOR GRADE

SUBMITTED BY  
STEPHEN DECATUR RODE



*J.D. Bailey  
37-N-27th  
Corvallis, Ore.*

## NAVY DAY 1933

USS BROOKS (DD-232)

FLUSH DECK - FOUR PIPE - DESTROYER  
LAUNCHED - 24 APRIL 1919

COMMISSIONED - 18 JUNE 1920

REDESIGNATED - APD-10 - 1 DEC 1942

APD = HIGH SPEED TRANSPORT

SERVED IN PACIFIC THEATER

STRUCK BY JAPANESE SUICIDE

PLANE - 8 JAN 1945 - BACLY

DAMAGED - BACK TO U.S.

DECOMMISSIONED - 2 AUG 1946

SOLD - 30 MAY 1946

BROOKS RECEIVED THE NAVY UNIT  
COMMENDATION AND SIX BATTLE  
STARS FOR HER SERVICE IN WWII

NOTE THE DIRIGIBLE ABOVE THE  
BATTLESHIPS IN THE CACHET  
CHECK OUT THE 1 1/2¢ STAMP



NAVY BATTLE  
EFFICIENCY E  
1906 - 1975



EX-APPRENTICE  
DISTINGUISHING MARK  
1896 - 1948



LIKE THE  
CPO YEOMAN  
SHOWN IN ISSUE  
NO. 12 PAGE 37, THESE  
THREE ITEMS ARE ALSO RED  
ON TAN FLANNEL MATERIAL. NOTE  
THE HASHMARK IS MADE IN THE OPPOSITE  
DIRECTION. THIS IS INCORRECT AS ALL HASHMARKS  
WERE WORN ON THE LEFT SLEEVE. NOTE: ALL ARE FULL SIZE  
STANDARD NAVY INSIGNIA EXCEPT FOR THE COLOR. ARE THESE MORE  
NAVY TYPE INSIGNIA MADE FOR KID'S JUMPERS OF THE 1920s AND 1930s?

#### NAVY WAR CORRESPONDENT

SUBMITTED BY LEE RAGAN



W. ROBERT MOORE OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC  
ON KWAJALEIN ISLAND IN THE MARSHALLS. NOTE  
THE ANCHOR WITH LETTER C AS AN OVERSEAS CAP  
DEVICE, AND THE SHOULDER PATCH.



YELLOW DESIGN ON BLACK FELT  
PATCH - ACTUAL SIZE 3 INCHES



GOLD ANCHOR WITH  
SILVER LETTER C  
SHOWN FULL SIZE

ON 31 MAY 1945 THE INSIGNIA FOR NAVY WAR  
CORRESPONDENTS WAS CHANGED TO A NAVY  
OFFICER'S CAP DEVICE WITH A SILVER C ON THE  
SHIELD FOR HAT AND OVERSEAS CAP. ALSO,  
SILVER C ON A LCDR LEAF FOR WEAR ON THE  
COLLARS OF THE KHAKI SHIRT.

NAVY TIMES - NO DATE SUPPLIED

## More ratings shrink and merge in '95, '96

By John F. Ragsdale  
Times staff writer

WASHINGTON — The future of  
ratings in many critical ratings will be  
altered forever in 1995 and 1996 if the  
Navy follows through on plans to merge  
their skills into other specialties.

Changing technologies are driving the  
changes in ratings, personnel officials  
said July 7, as is the fact that many of  
the skills are becoming too small to  
manage effectively.

These are the proposals for 1995:

■ Weapons technicians would  
move to exist, rather than this skill, who  
service the smallest weapons on larger  
ships, already have been  
folded into other specialties.

■ Boiler technicians would merge  
with machinists' mate, and PT would  
disappear as a rating. Demand for the  
skills has diminished in direct proportion  
to the demise of the steam-powered  
ships that once employed them.

■ Molders and patternmakers  
would become either machinery repairmen  
or hull technicians, and their ratings  
also would disappear. These are  
called "under ratings" — skills needed  
about the 18 destroyers and submarine  
tenders the Navy plans to cut to about  
four in coming years.

■ Surface torpedoes would be  
converted to gunner's mate and their  
ratings would be dismantled.

■ Surface interior communica-  
tions electricians would be converted

either to gun battery systems technicians,  
electrician's mate or electronics techni-  
cians. Their rating too, would be cut.

Proposals for 1996:

■ Data systems technicians would  
disappear as a separate skill, its func-  
tions moved into the electronics techni-  
cians or fire controlmen rating.

■ Data processing technicians  
would become technicians, and their rating  
would be cut.

■ All the ocean systems techni-  
cians responsibilities would shift to sur-  
face gear technicians before they're  
dropped as separate ratings.

■ The submarine operations of inter-  
rior communications electricians,  
radio room and quartermaster would  
be merged into submarine electronics  
technicians, then disbanded.

■ Two gunner's mate subspacial-  
tion, mines and unconventional guns,  
would be combined into a single GM  
rating — as happens now when GMs  
make child party officers.

Rumors have spread that other rating  
changes and cuts are afoot. But  
there are no plans for any other actions,  
said Capt. Ed Kujala, senior personnel  
planner in the Bureau of Naval Personnel  
— "at present, at least."

The proposed actions were announced  
publicly for the first time in a Navywide  
message "to provide some of the back-  
ground in the fast-moving rating re-  
orgs," Kujala said.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RONDE





SUBMITTED BY  
CHARLES H.  
BOGART

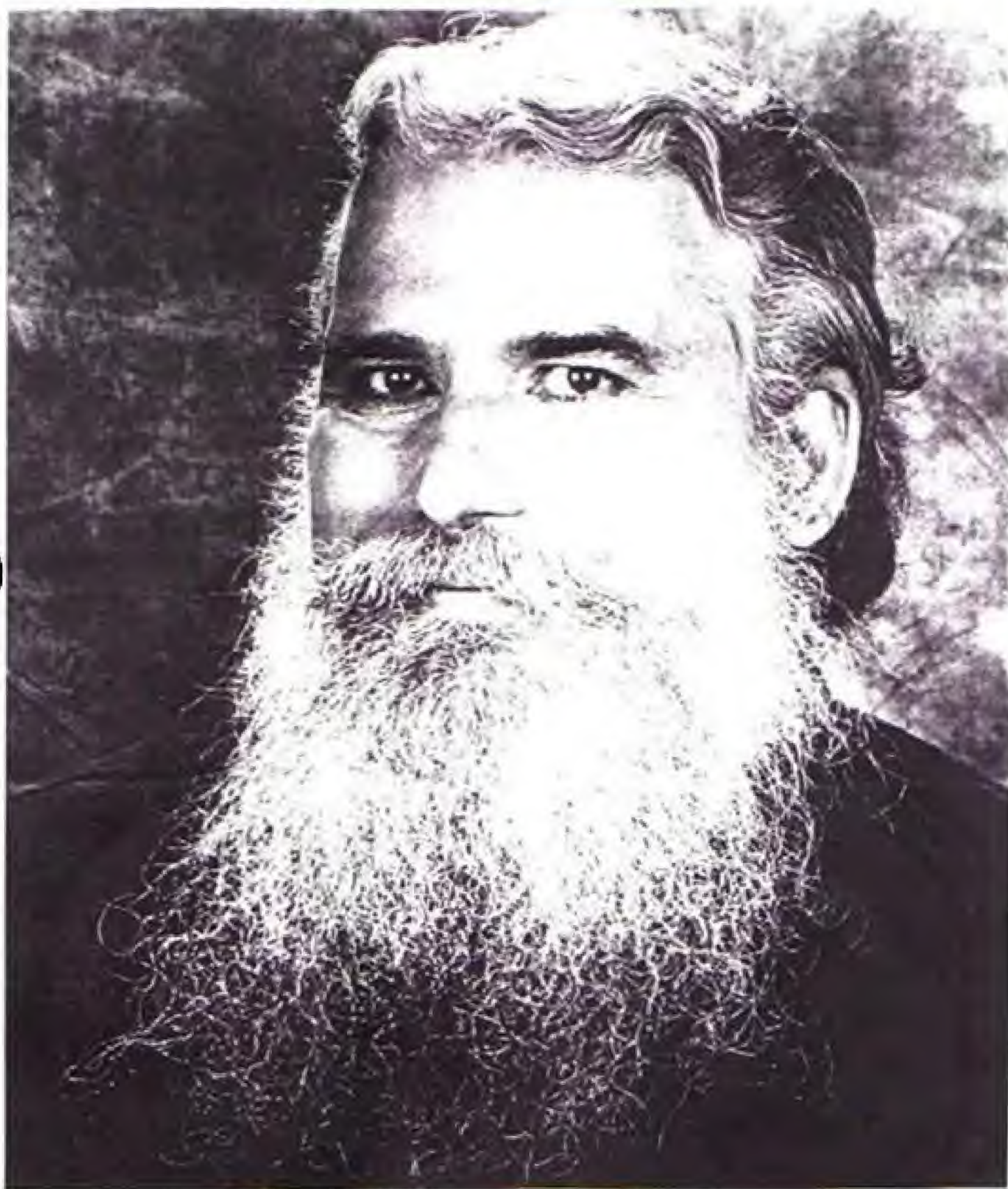


COLORS  
NOT  
SUPPLIED





## OUR FOUNDER



SARGE BOOKER

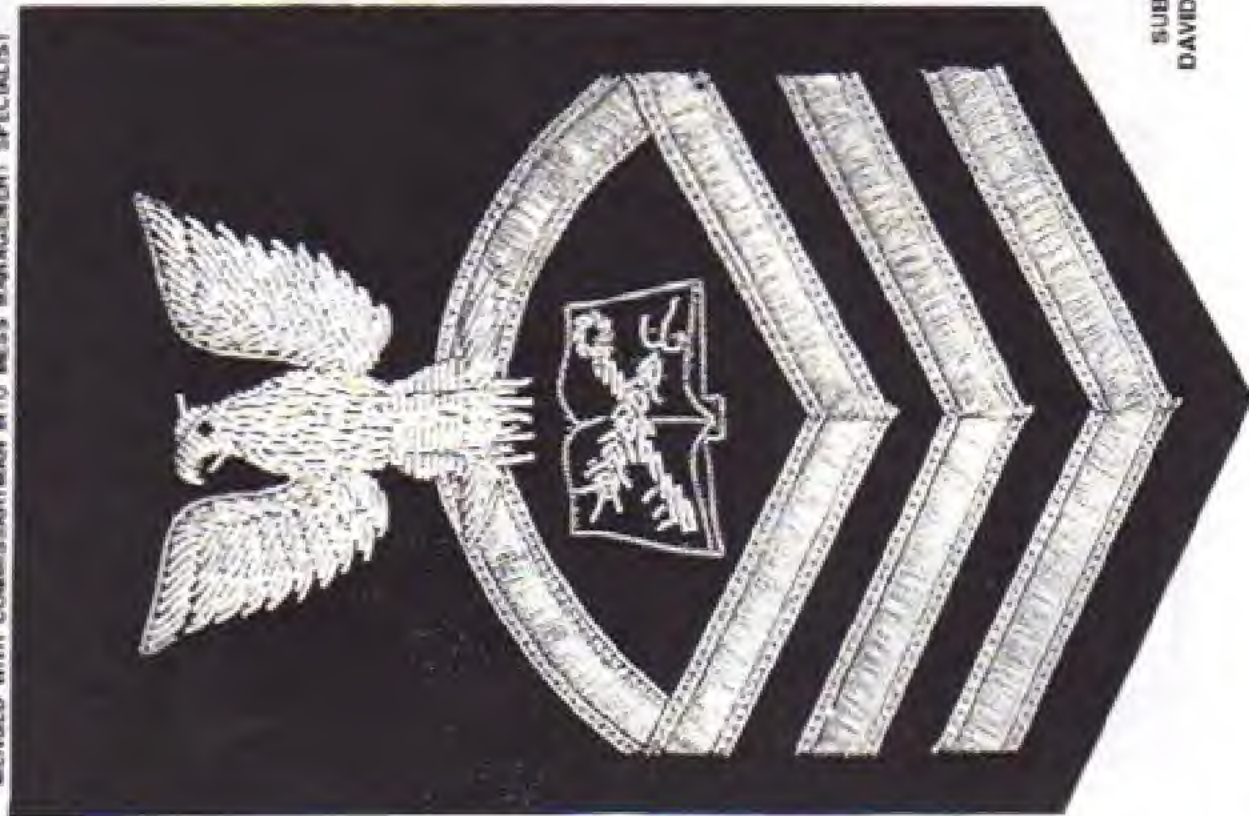


TWO NICE CPO RATINGS WITH BULLION EAGLES AND GOLD CHEVRONS FOR GOOD CONDUCT

THERE WERE FOUR USN RATINGS THAT FEATURED AN OPEN BOOK AS PART OF THE SPECIALTY MARK.  
CAN YOU NAME THEM? (AZ - MS - PI - SO)

CHIEF STEWARD - DRESS BLUE RATING 1953-1973

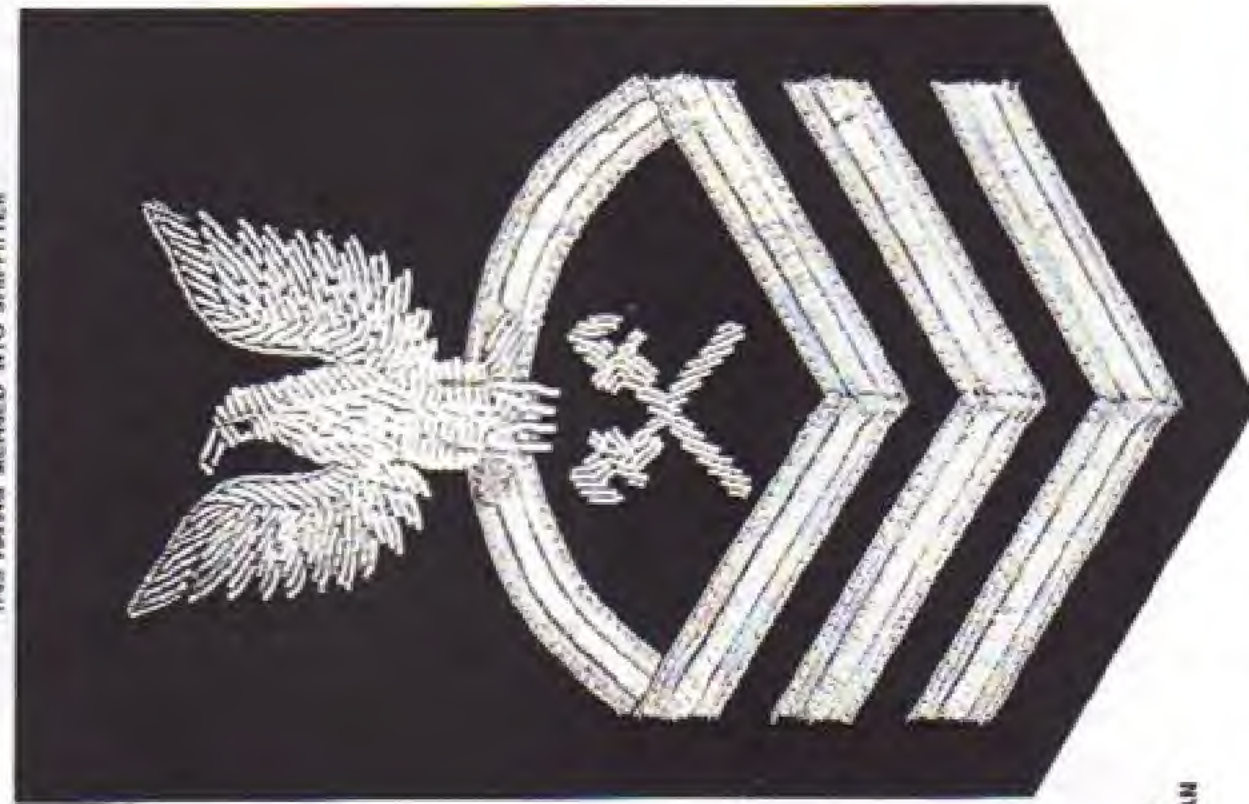
MERGED WITH COMMISSARYMAN INTO MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST



FIVE TAIL FEATHERS-LONG PERCH- HORIZONTAL WINGS & BEAK

CHIEF PIPEFITTER - DRESS BLUE RATING 1947-1953

THIS RATING MERGED INTO SHEPHERD



FOUR TAIL FEATHERS-SHORT PERCH-UP-SWEPT WINGS & BEAK

SUBMITTED BY  
DAVID F. SULLIVAN



U.S. MERCHANT MARINE CHAPLAIN  
WITH RANK OF CAPTAIN

BULLION EMBROIDERED CHRISTIAN CHAPLAIN CROSS  
 FLANKED BY TWO STARS OF THE USMM - FOUR  
 5/16" STRIPES - USMM BUTTON - ALL IN SILVER



POINT OF INTEREST

THE U.S. NAVY HAD NO GOLD RANK BAR  
 FOR ENSIGN UNTIL 16 NOV 1918



NAVAL AVIATION OBSERVER (RADAR)  
RARE POST WWII BULLION WING

THIS WAS FIRST DESCRIBED IN DUFERS CL 313-46  
 (DATE UNKNOWN) AND APPEARS IN THE NAVY BULLETIN  
 OF 31 OCT 1946 & USMC HQ BULLETIN OF JAN 1946  
 THIS WING WAS DISCONTINUED 18 MARCH 1947



U.S.S. SUPPLY AOE-6 COMMISSIONED 26 FEBRUARY 1994

A = AUXILIARY O = OILER E = EXPLOSIVE FLEET REPLENISHMENT



THIS BABY IS THE NEWEST AND LARGEST SUPPLY SHIP IN THE U.S. NAVY. SHE IS 753' OVERALL  
 107' BEAM - 48,500 LONG TONS - SPEED 30 KNOTS - THAT MAKES HER AS LARGE AS A WWII  
 BATTLESHIP OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CLASS

SUBMITTED BY STEVE RICHOL



CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

WHITE USN TYPE P.O. EAGLE AND  
LETTER O - RED F - BLUE E BORDER  
ORANGE - ALL ON A DARK KHAKI  
COTTON DIAMOND 3 1/2" SQUARE  
IS THIS THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF  
EAGLES? HELP?

CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

DEEP BLUE STOCK ANCHOR  
WHITE LETTERS SNL ON  
A DARK KHAKI COTTON PATCH



STEVE RHOBE

USNA DILLION BLAZER CREST

SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM J. MURPHY

USS PERRY DD-340 - DMS-17

CLEMSON CLASS - FLUSH DECK FOUR PIPE  
DESTROYER - MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD, CALIF.

LAID DOWN: 15 SEPT 1920  
LAUNCHED: 29 OCT 1921  
COMB: 7 AUG 1922 - DECOM: 17 JAN 1923  
RECOMB: 1 APRIL 1930 - REDEG: DMS-17  
(HIGH SPEED MINESWEEPER) - 19 NOV 1940  
PEARL HARBOR VET WITH ONE KILL  
LOST FROM ENEMY MINE AT ANGUAR, PALAU  
12 SEPT 1944 - RECEIVED SIX BATTLE STARS  
FOR WWII

A NEW PERRY (DD-844) WAS LAUNCHED  
26 OCT 1945 TO REPLACE DMS-17.

STEVE RHOBE



## U.S.S. ASTORIA CL-92



BLACK SILK JACKET FROM ASTORIA'S LAST WES PAC COUSE TO CHINA BEFORE THE 1949 COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER OF THE MAINLAND. SHE WAS ORIGINALLY LAID DOWN AS WILKES-BARRE, BUT RENAMED 10 OCT 1947 AFTER THE LOSS OF THE USS ASTORIA CA-34 AT THE BATTLE OF SAVO ISLAND 8-9 AUG 1942. CL-92 WAS COMMISSIONED 17 MAY 1944; SHE TOOK PART IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC OPERATIONS OF 1944-1945. SHE WAS DECOMMISSIONED 1 JULY 1949, AND HELD IN RESERVE UNTIL SCRAPPED 1 NOV 1949 IN SAN FRANCISCO. SHE RECEIVED FIVE BATTLESTARS FOR HER WW2 SERVICE. NOTE: THE NAME WILKES-BARRE WAS GIVEN TO THE NEW CLEVELAND-CLASS (LIGHT CRUISER CL-30) CLASSES.

## A WWI GHOST RETURNS TO THE SCENE OF THE BATTLE

## WORLD WAR ONE U-BOAT UNCOVERED ON THE GOODWINS

THE bulk of a World War One German submarine was spotted on the southern part of the Goodwin Sands on Monday evening. It was discovered by the Maamoon air sea rescue helicopter and was completely uncovered, with the conning tower plainly visible.

The German craft, a 20-ton U-boat, was found in the Goodwin Sands, a 100-acre area of sand and shingle, off the coast of Kent.

It was at about 11.30 on Monday night that the U-boat was spotted by a patrol of the Royal Air Force. The U-boat had been reported in the area by a patrol of the Royal Air Force.

On Monday night, a patrol of the Royal Air Force was on duty. The U-boat was spotted by a patrol of the Royal Air Force. The U-boat was completely uncovered, with the conning tower plainly visible.

The U-boat was completely uncovered, with the conning tower plainly visible. The U-boat was completely uncovered, with the conning tower plainly visible.

was a small piece of the conning tower, which was found on the sand. The U-boat was completely uncovered, with the conning tower plainly visible.

The conning tower of the U-boat was found on the sand. The U-boat was completely uncovered, with the conning tower plainly visible.

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NO DATE WAS ATTACHED TO THIS ARTICLE THAT MY FRIEND U.D. MAKINS (SEE PAGE 37) SENT ME IN 1973, BUT OBVIOUSLY POST WWII BY HELICOPTER REFERENCE

## ENLISTEDMAN - USMC



TURN OF THE CENTURY SUMMER KHAHI UNIFORM

SUBMITTED BY STEVE ROKOL

## AEROGRAPHER'S MATE 3rd CLASS - WHITE

FOREIGN  
MADE CROWBOB  
ARMSTRONG



WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY SHOWN ANY OF THE WWII DOULBE LETTER PETTY OFFICER RATINGS THAT WERE UNIQUE TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD

PORT SECURITY PATROLMAN 3rd CLASS - WHITE



REDUCED  
15%

PORT LIAISON 3rd CLASS - KHAKI

DO ANY OF YOU USCG COLLECTORS  
HAVE ANY INFO ON THIS?



PORT SECURITY CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



THIS IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT HAS THE BLOCK LETTERS PS NOT IN  
A DIAMOND AS COMMONLY SEEN - REMEMBER THE USN CG  
RATING BADGE FIRST HAD BLOCK LETTERS CG ONLY  
SEE CROW'S NEST NO. 19, PAGE 71

CHEMICAL WARFAREMAN 2nd CLASS - KHAKI

THIS RATING IS DATED 1943 ON REVERSE



ANYONE HAVE A (TR) TO SHOW?



U.S. WEST VIRGINIA COLOR FINISHED 1907 POSTCARD (PRINTED IN GERMANY)



## U.S. WEST VIRGINIA ARMORED CRUISER ACR-5

AUTH: 3 MARCH 1909 - LAUNCHED: 18 APRIL 1903 - COMMISSIONED  
 23 FEB 1905 - ASIATIC SQUADRON - PACIFIC DUTY - YERA CRUZ  
 BACK TO PACIFIC DUTY - RENAMED USS HUNTERTON 11 NOV 1906  
 SO HER OLD NAME COULD BE USED FOR THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED  
 BB-48 - BACK TO THE ATLANTIC FLEET - WWI SERVICE - 8 ESCORT  
 SHIPS TO EUROPE - 6 MORE AFTER ARMISTICE RETURNING 12,000  
 TROOPS - DECOMMISSIONED: 1 SEPT 1909 - STRUCK FROM THE  
 NAVY LIST: 12 MARCH 1922 - SOLD: 26 AUG. 1920 IN ACCORDANCE  
 WITH THE LONDON TREATY LIMITING NAVAL ARMAMENT

GOLD PUNCHED LETTERS ON A PURPLE BLUE 1.375 INCH WIDE CAP RIBBON

U.S.S. WEST VIRGINIA

A SIMILAR RIBBON ON PURPLE BLUE IS ALSO KNOWN TO EXIST FOR THE BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY WHICH WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ASIATIC FLEET FROM 1901-1904, 3 YEARS BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA. WHEN THESE THREE SHIPS WERE IN SERVICE THE UNIFORM REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED A 1.50 INCH BLACK RIBBON WITH 1/2 INCH GOLD LETTERING TO BE WORN ON THE "FLY" HAT. THESE THREE RIBBONS ARE THOROUGHLY NON-REGULATION. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THESE ARE "TAILOR MADE" RIBBONS PURCHASED BY SAILORS IN THE ASIATIC REGION FOR WEAR ASHORE WITH THEIR LIBERTY UNIFORMS. OR U.S. MADE NOVELTY SCAVENGERS. THE USE OF GOLD ANCHORS ON THE ENDS OF THE RIBBON IS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF EUROPEAN NAVIES. THE JAPANESE NAVY ALSO HAD CAP RIBBONS WITH ANCHORS, BUT LARGER AND UNFOLDED.

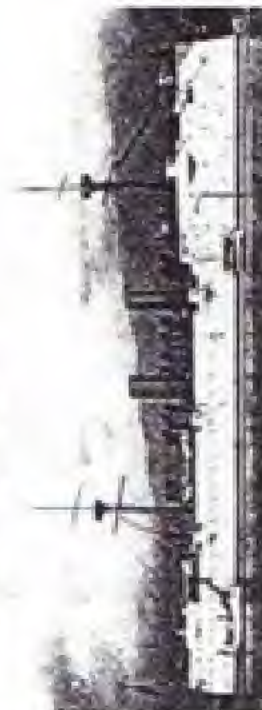


U.S.S. BALTIMORE

GOLD BLK THREAD EMBROIDERED LETTERS ON A WHITE 1.375 INCH WIDE CAP RIBBON  
 A SIMILAR STYLE CAP RIBBON IN MAROON ALSO EXISTS

## PROTECTED CRUISER 3

7 JAN 1909 - 7 MARCH 1915



## SERVICE

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON  
 BATTLE OF MANILLA BAY 1898  
 CARIBBEAN-MED-ASIATIC  
 RECEIVING SHIP 1911-1912  
 MINELAYER 1915 - LATED NORTH  
 SEA MINE FIELD - PACIFIC FLEET  
 DECOM: 1922 - SOLD: 15 FEB 1940

## MINELAYER CMI

15 MARCH 1915 - 15 SEPT 1922



SUBMITTED BY

CAP RIBBONS HAVE BEEN FOLDED AND REDUCED

STEVE RHOBE



## LT. HOBSON'S DARING EXPLOIT AT SANTIAGO, CUBA 1898

IN THE EARLY MORNING OF 3 JUNE 1898 LT. HOBSON AND A VOLUNTEER CREW OF SEVEN, NAVIGATED THE 320 FOOT, 5,000 TON NAVY COLLIER USS MERRIMAC INTO THE CHANNEL AT SANTIAGO, CUBA. SHE HAD BEEN RIGGED WITH TEN ELECTRICALLY FIRED TORPEDOS - SPANISH FIRE DISABLED HER AND THE CHARGER, AND WHEN SHE SANK IT WAS NOT IN THE INTENDED LOCATION.



**ADM. RICHMOND PEARSON HOBSON**  
PICTURED HERE AS A YOUNG LT. NAVAL  
CONSTRUCTOR DURING THE SPANISH  
AMERICAN WAR 1898

Richmond Pearson Hobson was born 17 August 1870 in Greenville, Ala., and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1890. After duty in Chicago he underwent additional training and was appointed Assistant Naval Constructor in 1901. Hobson then served at various Navy Yards and fortifications including a year of duty as instructor at the Naval Academy. In the early days of Spanish American War, he was with Sampson in New York, and arrived off Santiago 1 June 1898. In order to battle up Cervera's squadron Hobson took temporary command of collier Merrimac, which he would attempt to sink as an obstruction to the channel. The gallant attempt was made early 8 June under heavy Spanish fire which disabled the steering gear of the collier. Hobson did sink Merrimac, but was unable to place her in the shallowest part of the channel. With his intrepid spirit of duty, he was picked up by Admiral Cervera himself, and treated quite courteously for his gallant expedition. Hobson was advanced 10 numbers in grade after the war and later, in 1902, awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic attempt to sink the channel. After the Spanish American War he worked on the repelling and refitting of captured Spanish crewmen at Carlota and at various shore stations of the Navy. Rising in 1906, Hobson remained a staunch supporter of the Navy and during his subsequent career as a Congressman from Alabama, 1907-11, was a firm advocate of naval expansion. In 1904, by special act of Congress, he was advanced to Naval Constructor with a rank of Rear Admiral, and placed on the retired list. Rear Admiral Hobson died 14 March 1957 in New York City.



LT. HOBSON AND HIS CREW HOLDING ON TO THE LIFE RAFT  
PRIOR TO BEING CAPTURED BY THE SPANISH.  
THEY WERE HELD POW 3 JUNE - 6 JULY 1898.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE IN FOUR ACCOUNTS OF THIS  
ADVENTURE WE FIND REFERENCES TO SIX AND SEVEN  
VOLUNTEERS PLUS LT. HOBSON. NOTE EIGHT MEN IN  
THE ABOVE PAINTING.

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*Richmond Pearson Hobson*  
*April 10, 1907*

HOBSON'S AUTOGRAPH 1907 - FOUR  
YEARS AFTER LEAVING THE NAVY



SIX OF THE SEVEN ENLISTEDMEN WHO VOLUNTEERED  
TO HELP LT. HOBSON

THE SEVENTH MAN WAS CHIEF  
BOATSWAIN'S MATE OSBORN W. DEIGMAN



MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND  
LT(jg) ENGINEERING OFFICER

QUALITY THE NAVAL CADET BRAND GUARANTEED  
SWISS EMBROIDERED EMBLEMS



#### CHIEF GUNNER'S MATE

SHOWN ABOVE IS THE TOP OF A CARD UPON WHICH WAS LIGHTLY STITCHED A CPO GM RATING. IT APPEARS TO BE A TURN OF THE CENTURY MANUFACTURE, BUT NOT TO STRICT GOVERNMENT SPECIFICATIONS. NOTE THE SINGLE STITCHING ON THE CHEVRONS AND RATHER FULL EAGLE. OTHER CARDS HAD THE SAME RATING, BUT STILL IN THE ORIGINAL RECTANGULAR SHAPE.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROLFE



MSC NAME CHANGED ON 1 AUG 1970 FROM MATS WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY THE ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE. NOTE MSC VERTICALLY ON THE SHANK OF THE ANCHOR.



#### U.S. NAVY LEAGUE

YELLOW-GOLD ANCHOR AND TIES, PURPLE-BLUE USNL WITHIN A WHITE CIRCLE ALL ON A DARK KHAKI COTTON DISC 2 1/2" IN DIAMETER



WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION WWII BULLION CAP BADGEESTABLISHED 1942

VADM EMORY S. LAND USN (RET.) CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. MARITIME COMMISSION  
AND ADMISTRATOR OF THE WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

AUTHORIZED PATTERN

RED, WHITE AND BLUE SHIELD WITH THREE  
WHITE STARS - GOLD EAGLE & WREATH

BASIC DESIGN OF  
THE USMC EXCEPT  
COLORED SHIELD  
REPLACES THE  
SHIELD WITH  
ANCHOR  
SUPERIMPOSED

VARIATION PATTERN

RED, WHITE AND BLUE SHIELD WITH THIRTEEN  
WHITE STARS - SILVER EAGLE & WREATH



CAPTAIN JAMES G. TILY (CEC) USN RET.

AS WE CLOSE THE CROW'S NEST FOR 1994 LET US TAKE A  
MOMENT TO THANK A FELLOW SAILOR WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED  
GREATLY TO THE STUDY OF U.S. NAVY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA.  
HIS BOOK, UNIFORMS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, 1964 IS A  
VALUABLE REFERENCE SOURCE FOR ALL COLLECTORS.  
HE WOULD BE 92 THIS YEAR. BE YOU HERE OR GONE  
WE SALUTE YOU!

SMALL CRAFT

20 MAY 1971  
GOLD - OFFICER  
SILVER - ENLISTED

CRAFTMASTER

20 MAY 1971  
ENLISTED ONLY

U.S. NAVY UNAUTHORIZED ENLISTED  
BASEBALL CAP INSIGNIA

THESE WERE NEVER APPROVED BY THE NAVY, BUT THEY  
WERE MANUFACTURED AND WORN. NOTE THE CHEVRONS  
ARE MADE FROM ENLISTED USMC METAL RANKS.



FIRECONTROL TECHNICIAN  
NON RATED STRIKER  
1948 - 1955



NUCLEAR WEAPONSMAN  
2nd CLASS PETTY OFFICER  
1957 - 1961



CAN ANYONE EXPLAIN WHY THE USMS HAD TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF CPO RATING BADGES IN WWII, WITH AND WITHOUT THE ANCHORS?

ALSO, ANY AUTHORIZATION DATES FOR USMS RATINGS, BOTH NON RATED AND PETTY OFFICER? SEE CROW'S NEST NO.7, PAGE 32

CHIEF MACHINIST'S MATE - KHAKI

USMS - CHEVRONS - PROPELLER ARE NAVY BLUE  
ALL ON A KHAKI BACKGROUND



THIS TYPE OF CPO IS ALSO FOUND IN BLUE WITH WHITE  
USMS AND PROPELLER, BUT WITH RED CHEVRONS;  
ALSO WITH NO ANCHOR

USMS RATINGS WERE MADE FOR THREE  
DIFFERENT UNIFORMS - BLUE - KHAKI - WHITE

CHIEF STOREKEEPER - KHAKI

USMS - ANCHOR - SPECIALTY MARK AND CHEVRONS  
ARE RED - ALL ON A KHAKI BACKGROUND



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RHOE

U.S. COAST GUARD METAL HONOR GUARD IDENTIFICATION BADGE

CHUCK BASS



BADGE AS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AND SHOWN IN  
USCG UR CHANGE 1 5-C-4 PAGE 2 UNDATED



CURRENT DESIGN IN 2 SIZES - GOLD - HOLLOW - CLUTCH BACK  
SMALL 20 x30mm  
LARGE 33x50mm



## NOTES



THE TIME HAS COME THE WALRUS SAID, TO SPEAK OF MANY THINGS

THE CROW'S NEST HAS GROWN FROM 6 PAGES IN JULY 1992 TO 62 PAGES IN THIS ISSUE - ALL DONE FOR FREE AND AS A LABOR OF LOVE. SARGE CAN NO LONGER INCUR THE COST OF THE COPIES AND POSTAGE, AND S & M ENTERPRISES CAN NOT JUSTIFY THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME THIS ENDEAVOR HAS TAKEN FROM THEIR MANY OTHER PROJECTS. AS A RESULT, THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE CROW'S NEST AS WE KNOW IT TODAY.

EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 1994, ALL MATERIAL AND MAILING LISTS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO WAYNE BRIGGS OF COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. HE WILL TAKE OVER PUBLICATION OF THE CROW'S NEST, AND IT WILL BE A MAGAZINE FORMAT, 40-48 PAGES, WITH SHORT ARTICLES, ITEMS OF INTEREST, AND ADVERTISEMENTS. WAYNE INTENDS TO PUBLISH 4 ISSUES A YEAR STARTING 1 JANUARY 1995, AND THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE WILL BE \$20.00. HE WILL SEND A COMPLIMENTARY COPY TO ALL ON THE CURRENT MAILING LIST. DO NOT SEND ANY ITEMS TO SARGE BOOKER OR STEVE ROWDE. SUBMIT THEM TO:

WAYNE BRIGGS P.O. BOX5631 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80911

BACK ISSUES OF THE CROW'S NEST CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING STEPHEN D. ROWDE AT: 927 E. HOMESTEAD ROAD, SUNNYVALE, CA 94087. WRITE FOR A PRICE QUOTE ON ANY ISSUES YOU ARE MISSING.

## COMMENTS

ISSUE 12 PAGE 8 - WAVE RECRUIT SHOULDER PATCH - SOME FURTHER INFORMATION - THIS WAS AUTHORIZED BY CHANGE NO. 3 TO THE 1947 UNIFORM REGULATIONS DATED 21 OCTOBER 1948 AS AN ORANGE DIAMOND 4 x 3 1/2" AND WORN ON THE LEFT SLEEVE. IT WAS REDUCED IN SIZE TO 3 1/2 x 2 3/4" IN THE UR OF 10 AUGUST 1951, AND CHANGED TO A YELLOW DIAMOND IN UR OF 17 OCTOBER 1968. IT WAS STILL SHOWN IN CHANGE NO. 5 OF 25 MAY 1973, BUT ABOLISHED BY THE UR OF 1975. IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN BOTH LEFTS AND RIGHTS; HOWEVER, UNIFORM REGULATIONS STATE THAT IT WAS WORN ONLY ON THE LEFT SLEEVE. DOES ANYONE HAVE A PHOTO OF THIS PATCH BEING WORN?

ISSUE NO. 12 PAGE 13 - THE FOUR CHAPLAINS STORY - THE CORRECT IDENTIFICATION OF THE U-BOAT IS U-223, NOT THE U-456. STEPHEN L. FULLER BROUGHT THIS TO OUR ATTENTION. SEVERAL DIFFERENT REFERENCE SOURCES GIVE THIS INCORRECT U-BOAT NUMBER.

ISSUE NO. 12 PAGE 34 - THE COLOR DESCRIPTION OF THE GERMAN WATER PROTECTION POLICE CAP BADGE WAS LEFT OFF. IT IS A GOLD WREATH WITH SILVER NATIONAL EAGLE. THIS IS WHAT SETS IT APART FROM THE STANDARD ALL ONE COLOR ALUMINUM CAP BADGE.

ISSUE NO. 13 PAGE 51 - IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT WHEN SEAMAN APPRENTICE S.D. ROWDE REPORTED ABOARD THE USS KEARSARGE IN APRIL 1960 THERE WERE STILL TWO EMs WEARING THE CROSSED PIPE WRENCHES OF THIS RATING THREE YEARS AFTER IT WAS ABOLISHED.

BOB ARMSTRONG HAS A TRADE LIST OF P.O. RATINGS AND DMs. GIVE HIM A SHOT; HIS ADDRESS IS: 45 MAIN STREET, WILMINGTON, MASS 01887.

STEVE ROWDE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE REGARDING ID TAGS. SEND HIM ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR TAG COPIES. ALL QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED BY THE DOG TAG KING.

DOES ANYONE KNOW OF A BOOK ON U.S. SHIP CAMOUFLAGE MARKINGS EITHER OF WWI OR WWII? THIS IS A FASCINATING SUBJECT IN WHICH THERE IS VERY LITTLE PUBLISHED INFORMATION.

WELL, FOLKS, THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE. WE WORKED VERY HARD TO MAKE THIS FLY, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE CROW HAS FLOWN THE NEST.

OUR BEST TO EVERYONE!

*Stephen & Mary Ann*







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